

RECORD OF POST OFFICE DEPT.

HOW IT HAS GROWN UNDER LIBERAL REGIME

Hon. W. S. Fielding Replied to R. L. Borden's Attack—Quebec Bridge Disaster.

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—In the course of his remarks in the debate on the speech from the throne, Mr. Fielding gave some illuminating information on the progress of the post office department since the accession of the Liberal party to power, contrasting the showing made by the two parties. This is so marked that the portion of the speech dealing with the subject might well be perused by thoughtful students of public affairs. The finance minister said:

"My hon. friend (the leader of the opposition) made some references to the post office department which calls for a passing notice. He said that he had just been out West, and had discovered that the postal service there, and he believed generally, was in a very inefficient condition. Well, if the service which is rendered to-day be inefficient, in heaven's name what must have been the condition in 1896? There is no department of the government which has done more to improve the facilities and convenience of the Canadian people. I do not say that it has done all it could. In the speech from the throne, we have the declaration that the surpluses which have been accumulating in that department should and will be paid in securing more liberal accommodation for the people. But let us not omit to take notice of the tremendous progress which has been made.

"In 1896 or 1897, the hon. member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster) will remember that in one of his budget speeches he said that some portion of the Canadian people were clamoring for a two-cent instead of a three-cent rate, but that the country could not afford it. And so long as the hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) remained in power the country did not afford it.

"What was the condition of the post office department at the close of the last year of Conservative administration? There was a deficit of about \$650,000 on that year's operations, and there were accumulations of deficits of former years to an amount somewhat in excess of \$650,000; and a vote had to be taken to clean out the old account and pay off the old deficits. But in 1896 these hon. gentlemen, who are supposed to possess in such an extraordinary degree the instinct of government, had to give place to other men. What then happened?

"I have already told you that there was an accumulated deficit in 1896 besides a deficit for the year. But what has been the result since? In 1907, instead of a deficit of \$600,000 in the year and a three-cent rate, we have a two-cent rate in all Canada, we have reduced postage to the old country, we have reductions all around, and yet, at the close of the last year, the post office department shows a surplus on the year of \$1,440,000. That in itself is something to the proud of.

But that is not the whole record. Turn now to the question of accommodation. The hon. gentleman tells us that the accommodation provided for the people by the post office department is entirely insufficient. Well, if it is insufficient, we will take precious good care that a more liberal policy is adopted in the future. But what are the facts?

"In 1896 there were 9,103 post offices in Canada; in 1907 there were 11,377 post offices in Canada. In 1896, the number of postal notes and money order offices was 1,310, and in 1907 the number was 3,081. In 1896 the post office savings banks numbered 735, and last year the number was 1,943. I will not detain the House with further figures, though I could give similar comparisons with regard to the miles of travel, the number of letters carried and so on. But I think the figures I have given are enough for the purpose. If the hon. gentleman finds that the post office accommodation for the people is insufficient to-day, what must have been the condition of the country in 1896 in the light of the figures I have given?"

Mr. Fielding cleverly turned the tables on the leader of the opposition with regard to the Quebec bridge. He said:

"My hon. friend the leader of the opposition had something to say about the Quebec bridge, and he said that had always been a marvel to everybody that this government had made arrangements with a company to build the Quebec bridge. A marvel to everybody! Nobody could understand it! It was not a marvel to the hon. gentleman on October 32nd, 1903, when the record of this parliament shows that on that day the project to which he refers was brought into this House and when the hon. gentleman allowed it to pass without a single word of complaint.

"It passed unanimously. It became an expression of the whole parliament of Canada and not of this government only. Then the hon. gentleman went down to Quebec and at a public banquet that was given to him there he took credit to himself for co-operating with this government in bringing about the construction of the Quebec bridge. Well, the bridge, of course, has gone down, and we can all be wise after the event. My hon. friend has discovered that he marveled much, but the record shows that he did not marvel when the act passed.

"I want to warn my hon. friend

against this weakness that he has of allowing things to pass without opposition—very often supporting them, going out and taking credit for them, and then, when something unexpected happens, turning around and condemning the government for the thing he supported. I think my hon. friend should guard against that."

AUSTRALIAN TARIFF.

New Bill Put Through House of Representatives After 800 Amendments and 300 Divisions.

Melbourne, Dec. 12.—The House of Representatives, after a five months' debate, in which eight hundred amendments were disposed of and three hundred divisions taken, has just completed the tariff bill.

The strongly protective character of this bill has been somewhat modified.

INTEREST RATE ON DEPOSITS

QUESTION WILL BE ASKED IN COMMONS

Government May Increase Return to 3½ Per Cent.—House Committees Elected.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Rudolph Forget, M. P., will ask the government if it is its intention to increase the rate of interest on deposits in government and post office savings banks from 3 to 3½ per cent. The Bankers' Association, it appears, has received no notice of any such move.

Senate Chambers. The returns brought down in the House yesterday show that since December 11th, 1896, fourteen members of parliament have been appointed to the senate and 30 members to offices other than the senate, such as judgeships, etc. During the same period 25 ex-members of parliament have been appointed to the senate, and 27 ex-members to other offices. The number of senators appointed to office is six.

House Committees. The committees of the House of Commons elected this morning were as follows: Standing orders, G. D. Grant; debates, H. J. Logan; privileges and elections, H. J. Logan; public accounts, A. H. Clark; agriculture, P. H. Mackenzie; railways and canals, Hugh Guthrie; banking and commerce, H. P. Miller; private bills, J. A. C. Ethier; Yukon Reform.

A deputation representing the moral and social reform departments of the Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian churches waited on Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. F. Oliver again to-day in connection with the moral and social conditions in the Yukon.

Public Accounts. The public accounts committee met this morning and after passing a number of motions calling for the production of papers, adjourned till Tuesday next.

Christmas Recess. The House will adjourn for the Christmas holidays from December 19th to January 8th.

AUDIENCE WITH POPE. Archbishop Riordan, of San Francisco, Talks With His Holiness on Catholic Situation in U. S.

Rome, Dec. 12.—The Pope to-day received Archbishop Riordan, of San Francisco, in private audience in his study, and the Catholic situation in the United States in general, and in San Francisco in particular was discussed at length. The matter of appointing Rev. Edward Hanna, of Rochester, coadjutor to the Archbishop of Frisco was also discussed.

COMMUTES DEATH SENTENCE. Monterrey, Mexico, Dec. 12.—Word has reached here from Chihuahua that the governor has commuted the death sentence of Dr. C. S. Harle, William Mitchell and C. T. Richardson to twenty years in the penitentiary.

WANT RESIGNATION OF MR. DUNSMUIR. Vancouver Young Liberals Condemn McBride Government's Action Over Natal Act.

Vancouver, Dec. 12.—The question of the employment of Japanese by Lieutenant-Governor Dunsmuir's mining company was the basis of the following resolution passed last night by the Young Liberals: "The Governor-General in council should ask for the resignation of the Hon. James Dunsmuir, failing which, he should effect his removal from office," and that, "this meeting strongly condemns the un-British and unparliamentary attitude adopted by the Hon. Richard McBride and his government in holding office in face of the unconstitutional practice of Lieutenant-Governor Dunsmuir, as being a course of conduct subversive of, and a menace to, our system of responsible government."

GAVE SHORT MEASURE. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 12.—Two more bakers have been fired for selling bread.

CROWNING EIGHT YEAR OLD BOY

POOR LITTLE MONARCH FULL OF AMAZE

Duy-Tan, King of Annam, Mystified by His Establishment on the Throne.

The latest mails from Indo-China, received by the steamer Shawmut to-day, bring the details of the ceremonies attending the installation of Duy-Tan as King of Annam. This new sovereign succeeds Than-Tai, who was recently deposed after having committed a number of shocking outrages, for which, however, he is not considered responsible, it being generally admitted that he is absolutely and hopelessly insane. His Majesty Duy-Tan, who is barely eight years of age, was full of amazement as he passed through the various stages of the process by which he was established upon his throne.

His eyes opened very wide when M. Beau, the governor-general of Indo-China, paid his respects to him and delivered a long address to him, in which he told with what satisfaction France would hear of his assumption of the Annamite sceptre.

"I offer to your Majesty," said the governor-general, "the most sincere good wishes of the government of the French republic. The name by which you will be known to the world, 'Duy-Tan,' has been most felicitously chosen, and promises well for the happiness of your people. 'Duy-Tan'! These two words designate you as the friend of reform."

The poor little king was quite mystified with this grandiloquence, and more of the same sort which came from the lips of the governor-general. It was news to him that he was a friend of reform.

SIX MILLIONS LOST AT EUCHRE

Death of Broken Hill Pioneer in London Recalls Fateful Game of Cards.

London, Dec. 12.—George McCulloch, who for many years was associated with the development of mining industries in Australia, died here yesterday. He was the possessor of one of the finest art collections in the world. His career was a romantic one. Beginning as a prospector in Australia, he was actively identified with the development of the Broken Hill mines from their first inception. On one occasion he lost at euchre his share of a mine which six years later was worth \$6,250,000.

MEDICINE OF DEATH. Peterboro, Ont., Dec. 12.—Maud Durham, daughter of the late E. J. Durham, took carbolic acid in mistake for medicine yesterday and died shortly afterwards.

ROOSEVELT'S WAS WISE DECISION

London Press Said Anti-Trust Policy Had Made Re-Election Doubtful.

London, Dec. 12.—President Roosevelt's declaration that he would not accept a third nomination is treated as a momentous matter in the columns of the London newspapers. The editorials for the most part consider that he has taken a wise decision on the ground that, although he is the most striking personality in the political field at the present moment, the fact that he had alienated prominent supporters by his anti-trust policy has made his re-election doubtful.

They consider it unlikely that President Roosevelt's successor would pursue an anti-trust policy with such vigor. The chances of the next President of the United States being a Democrat also are canvassed, and the possibility of Mr. Roosevelt's again being a candidate in 1912.

PONTIAC NOMINEE. Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 12.—The Pontiac Conservatives have nominated the present member, Gerald H. Brabazon, for the Commons at the next general election.

CHINAMEN CREMATED. Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—Two Chinamen were found cremated this morning in the ruins of a shack at Lethbridge.

FELL OVER MOUNTAIN. Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 12.—An unknown man, supposed to be a farmer, was killed this morning by falling over a mountain while driving to the city.

SWEPT BY TREMENDOUS SEA.

Six of Crew of Oil Tank Steamer Seriously Injured in Terrific Atlantic Gale.

Queenstown, Dec. 12.—The oil tank steamer Baku Standard, Capt. Fraser, from Rouen, Nov. 28th for Philadelphia, put into this port to-day bearing evidence of terrific weather which has prevailed on the Atlantic. Capt. Fraser and Third Officer Ross each had a leg broken, and four seamen were seriously wounded.

The Baku Standard was laboring so much in the heavy seas on Dec. 7th that the captain and third officer, with several seamen, tried to set a jib to steady her. They were in the midst of this operation, when a huge sea broke over the bows and swept them all the length of the deck. Several men were almost carried overboard.

VICTIM OF NEW YORK FIRE. New York, N. Y., Dec. 12.—While firemen were trying to extinguish a fire and save the horses from a stable in East Ninth street this morning, one man was burned to death and another man and woman narrowly escaped from suffocation in a house in the rear of the stable.

FRENCH ADVANCE ON MOORISH REBELS. Will Raze and Burn Resisting Villages During March to Mountain Fastnesses. Oudja, Algeria, Dec. 12.—The negotiations for the submission of the rebellious Nassen tribesmen are not coming to a head as rapidly as had been expected.

The French troops, under the command of General Lyautey, have received orders to begin a forward concentric movement toward the mountain retreats for the tribesmen, with the object of forcing the native leaders to yield.

All villages submitting to the French will not be harmed, but those resisting will be razed and burned.

FOUND UNCONSCIOUS. Regina, Dec. 12.—A farmer coming into the city yesterday discovered George Broeder, of this city, lying on the trail in an unconscious condition, having apparently slipped off his load of sheep and fallen under the wheels. On being brought into the city it was found he had sustained serious injuries to his head, and he is in a critical condition.

EXPANSION OF ENTENTE CORDIAL

France and England to Interchange Declarations of Estate—Will Obviate Fiscal Fraud.

Paris, Dec. 12.—An official note which is published this morning states that an agreement has been signed "with a great neighboring power," with the object of facilitating the representation of fiscal fraud in connection with succession duties, and if later it becomes necessary in connection with the income tax.

It is understood that the power in question is England and the agreement provides that the two countries shall communicate to each other copies of declarations of estate in the country where the party is domiciled.

Further stipulates that the negotiations shall be conducted between the ministers of finance of the respective countries directly, without recourse to the usual diplomatic channels.

The convention will make impossible the continuous emigration of capital which has been going on since the income tax was annulled.

BULK OF BODIES NOW RECOVERED

Number of Deaths in Monongah Mine Disaster Will Probably Reach 338.

Monongah, W. Va., Dec. 12.—The state mine inspector of West Virginia is making a thorough examination of mines No. 8 and 8 to-day, where the explosion occurred a week ago. Until Mr. [Name] concludes his investigation, work will be suspended.

At which time a total of 320 bodies had been recovered. The results of a house census taken by the company show that 338 men were missing, which leaves eighteen bodies still in the mines, according to the company's estimate.

Mr. Paul's examination will probably be completed by to-night, when a force of men will begin to clear away the debris in both mines which was caused by the falls. It will be several days before the exact death toll will be known. Coroner Ames decided to-day that the inquest should begin on Tuesday. Many experts will give testimony and the investigation will possibly last a week.

BRITISH FLEET IN FAR EAST

PROTECTS INTERESTS OF PEKIN SYNDICATE

Shan Si Province Wishes to Rescind Gigantic Concession—Offers 2,500,000 Taels.

Pekin, Dec. 12.—The officials of Shan Si province, where the Pekin syndicate has its many concessions, have expressed their willingness to buy out the syndicate for 2,500,000 taels, explaining at the same time that this amount is 15 times more than the syndicate has ever invested in the province.

The syndicate values its concessions at 10,000,000 taels, and contends that it should be compensated for the balance.

The claim of the Pekin syndicate, a British corporation, holding the largest concessions China has ever granted, arises from the efforts of the provincial authorities of Shan Si to have these concessions rescinded.

The pressure which is being exerted upon the Chinese government by the presence of a British fleet off Kwang Tung is beneficial to British interests, and at the same time it is increasing the unpopularity of the provincial authorities of Shan Si. These latter have come to expect nothing from the central government.

OTTAWA BIGAMIST. Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Edward Treasider, an Ottawa man, pleaded guilty to bigamy, having on December 2nd married Miss M. S. Sinclair, 17 years old, and a recent arrival from Scotland, while having a wife living whom he married last April. He will be sentenced next Monday.

HONORING MEMORY OF JOSEPH HOWE

Gathering of Former Residents From Atlantic Maritime Provinces Will Be Held To-Night.

The anniversary of the birthday of Joseph Howe, which occurs to-day, is to be recognized by a gathering of bluesongers this evening.

An address on the life and work of the great orator-poet is to be delivered by Rev. W. Leslie Clay, and possibly remarks will be heard from any others who may chance to be present concerning their recollections of the man who stands eminent among the champions of the responsible government in the English speaking world.

Any native of Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick or Nova Scotia who may chance to be in the city is cordially invited to attend the meeting, which will be held in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian church, on the corner of Blanchard and Pandora streets, commencing at 8 o'clock.

FIRES CAUSED BY ENGINE SPARKS

Interesting Decisions Given by Supreme Court—Grand Trunk and Penny Rate.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 12.—The Supreme court this morning gave judgment in the appeal of the Grand Trunk vs. Robertson, upholding the order of the railway commission that the G. T. R. is bound by its charter of half a century ago to give third class accommodation at a penny a mile.

The appeal of the C. P. R. vs. Ottawa Fire Insurance Company was decided in favor of the insurance company. The suit arose out of a clause in the fire insurance company's agreement to indemnify for damages due to sparks from the railway company's engines. The railway argues that if the insurance company is not bound by its policy, it had no right to issue it.

In the case of the C. P. R. vs. King, the claim by the crown against the railway for prairie fire due to sparks from an engine, the Supreme court upheld the contention of the company that as a Dominion corporation it was not bound by the ordinance of territorial authorities in this regard.

FORGERS SENTENCED.

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 12.—John Griffith and Harry Simpson were sentenced to two years each in the penitentiary yesterday by the magistrate for forgery.

SKIPPED OUT.

Edmonton, Dec. 12.—John Copp, a prominent contractor, said to be involved in real estate, left the city, leaving it to be alleged, a large number of unpaid accounts behind him.

SASKATOON MURDER TRIAL.

"Not Guilty." Was Verdict in Case of Sharope Charged With Killing Metchelchuk.

Saskatoon, Sask., Dec. 12.—The trial of Metro Sharope charged with the murder of John Metchelchuk, was concluded yesterday, a verdict of not guilty being returned by the jury. In the afternoon the prisoner and his wife were on the stand. All the testimony showed the wife was found by her husband with Metchelchuk. After the evidence was all in, Jas. McKay, K. C., for the defence spoke for ninety minutes. Jas. Stramon, for the crown, was less lengthy. The judge's charge was favorable to the prisoner. After twenty minutes' deliberation the jury found Sharope innocent. The verdict is a popular one about town.

WILL DO WORK AT POINT GREY

GOVERNMENT IS TO HELP VANCOUVER OUT

About Three Hundred Men May Find Employment on the Provincial Lands.

The provincial government has decided to do work at Point Grey as asked for by a delegation representing the city of Vancouver. The details of the proposition were made public through the columns of the Times yesterday. The government, after consideration, decided to go on with the work which will give employment to about 300 men.

The operations will be preparatory to offering for sale further lands on the government reserve there.

The government is reported to have reached the decision it did on the ground that the work could be carried out just as well now as at any other time. With a large number of unemployed in Vancouver, the city there urged the giving of some means of gaining a living for these people. The provincial government will take this method of solving the difficulty.

OUTBREAK IN COURT.

Negro Sentenced for Holdup Launches Torrents of Abuse and Threats Vengeance.

Woodstock, Ont., Dec. 12.—Arthur Jackson, a colored man, was found guilty yesterday of holding up and robbing Harry Walcott, a C. P. R. operator, on the night of October 19th, and sentenced to seven years at hard labor. When the sentence was announced Jackson launched into torrents of abuse of the court and everyone who had anything to do with the capture, and threatened to do terrible things when he got out. For this action two years more were added to his sentence.

KAISER IN NETHERLANDS.

Great Reception to Germany's Ruler on His Arrival From England.

Amsterdam, Dec. 12.—Emperor William of Germany arrived here to-day on the imperial yacht Hohenzollern from Portsmouth, England, and was greeted by the members of the Royal family of The Netherlands. Prince Henry boarded the Hohenzollern and escorted the Emperor to a pavilion on shore, where Queen Wilhelmina awaited him. Greetings were cordial, and the Emperor kissed the Queen's hand. Their Majesties then drove through the crowded streets to the palace where they subsequently appeared at a balcony and were given an ovation by the assembled throngs.

TERRORIST SENTENCED.

Moscow, Dec. 12.—The woman who ten days ago threw a bomb at Lieutenant General Guershelmann, governor-general of Moscow, in an unsuccessful attempt to kill him, has been sentenced to death.

OPIUM FIEND IN FRENCH NAVY

Habit Increasing to Alarming Extent May Have Been Responsible for Many Accidents.

Marseilles, Dec. 12.—The judicial authorities here have recently received a large number of confidential letters from wives of naval officers stationed at Mediterranean ports complaining that their husbands were obtaining supplies of opium somewhere in this city. The authorities decided to act in the matter, and yesterday ordered a search of the stores of several Oriental curiosity dealers. Several thousand dollars' worth of the drug were found and seized. The dealers will be prosecuted.

According to the statements made by the authorities who have investigated the matter, the opium habit has increased to an alarming extent in the navy, and it is even said that to this account may be laid the responsibility for many of the accidents that have occurred. Naval authorities have been endeavoring to eradicate this evil with little success.

M. P.'S FUNERAL.

Seaford, Ont., Dec. 12.—The funeral of the late B. B. Gunn, M. P., held yesterday, was probably the largest ever seen in this part of the country. The service at the residence was private. The public service in the Methodist church was largely attended.

SURVIVOR OF ACCIDENT HERE

J. McNAUGHTON HAD A NARROW ESCAPE

Timber Cruiser is Satisfied With the Commercial Prospects of Northern B. C.

J. McNaughton, one of the oldest timber cruisers in the province, was with the Grand Trunk Pacific survey party that met disaster in the Glenscombe Rapids, on the upper Fraser, a couple of months ago, an account of which appeared in the Times shortly after. Mr. McNaughton, who is just down from the northern interior of the province, is registered at the Victoria hotel.

In company with John Evans, another woodsman, Mr. McNaughton has been hunting the forests of the upper Fraser and tributaries for timber since early in March. His adventure with the survey party was purely accidental. He had picked Evans up at Fort George to accompany him in cruising, and on the 6th of October the two cruisers chanced to be at the portage immediately above the rapids, where they had landed their canoe, awaiting a favorable opportunity to pass through. While at the portage they saw another canoe coming down the river and decided to wait its arrival. The cruisers and survey men had dinner together at the portage and McNaughton and his companion were invited to take seats in the larger canoe to get through the rapids, which they did.

The survey canoe was piloted by Henry Dick, a Slawish, and Mr. McNaughton suggested that they had better wait until the sun got a few degrees further west before essaying the dangerous current, with which he was familiar, having passed it successfully on several occasions in his own canoe alone. Dick, however, did not acknowledge the advantage of delay, although the sun was in full blaze on the water in front, so that accurate vision was considerably obscured. As Mr. McNaughton was only a passenger, he yielded to the Indian's judgment. But feeling that there was a considerable element of danger in the voyage, he advised the men to divest themselves of heavy boots and clothes.

"We did not go over half a mile from where I said this word until we struck a rock and were all in the water," said Mr. McNaughton.

Of what happened subsequently it is sufficient to say that McNaughton and Evans found themselves floating together in a deep canyon, whose perpendicular sides were insurmountable, and they clung to fight their way six miles further down the river before they found a way of escape. The point where they landed was ninety-six miles from Fort George, the nearest point of succor, and after enduring hardships which only experienced woodsmen could withstand they succeeded in reaching the port. During their journey through the woods they were for three days without food other than one partidge, which McNaughton chanced to kill with a stick.

Mr. McNaughton has had a life experience in the lumber woods of Canada. He was reared on the Ottawa river and logged, and cruised in the Lake Temiskaming district for the late Hon. Peter White and others years ago. He was one of the three hundred odd Canadian voyagers who joined Wolsey's expedition from Ottawa for the relief of Gordon in Khartoum, and holds medals for this service. This expedition left Halifax on the steamer Ocean King in October, 1894, among the men who represented Canada in this famous service. Mr. McNaughton recalls Tom Maloney of Revelstoke, John Pratt of Golden and Tom White, who afterwards became a C. P. R. conductor at Winnipeg. "Big Bill" Gallagher, who now represents a British Columbia constituency in the Dominion house, was also one of the number.

Mr. McNaughton purposes to go into the upper Fraser country again this winter to continue his explorations for timber. He says there is an abundance of good cedar, fir and spruce along the upper reaches of the Fraser and its tributaries, and predicts a great future for the country in the lumbering industry.

FIFTEEN MEN DROWNED?

Steamer Hero Which Sailed From Vera Cruz Believed to Have Foundered.

Mexico, City, Mex., Dec. 12.—According to a special cable from Vera Cruz, no news has been received of the steamer Hero, of the Yucatan Colonization Company, which sailed from this port on December 2nd for Frontera, and little hope is entertained that the steamer is safe.

It is feared that she foundered during the storm of last week and that the entire crew of twelve men and three officers have been lost. The vessel carried a cargo of coal and was under the command of Capt. Arsenio Rodriguez.

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THE RESOURCES OF WEST COAST

PROVINCIAL ASSAYER
DELIVERED ADDRESS

Interesting Information Given by H.
Carmichael at Board of
Trade Meeting.

Herbert Carmichael, the provincial
assayer, delivered an interesting ad-
dress before the board of trade last
evening on "The West Coast and its
Possibilities."

The subject was illustrated by a se-
lection of lantern slides, showing some
of the more important waterways with
which the island coast is indented, the
remarks of the speaker being intro-
duced to emphasize their importance
from a commercial point of view, as
promising easy exploitation of the tim-
ber and mineral resources.

The chair was occupied by the pres-
ident, F. A. Pauline, and one or two
items which stood on the agenda paper
were first disposed of. The committee
which has been investigating the bona
fides of the proposal to build a line of
railway from Victoria to Edmonton,
was granted further time to complete
its commission. Mr. Carmichael was
then introduced.

In order to assist intelligent com-
prehension of the subject a map of
Vancouver Island was first thrown on
the sheet, from which Mr. Carmichael
elucidated his points with respect to its
advantages for shipping.

Off the North Coast he pointed out
the position of Scott Island, a place
very difficult of approach, owing to the
tide rips and the turbulence of the
waters surrounding it. Some years ago
a prospector, now dead, had shown
him some fine specimens of silver ore
found on the island, and Mr. Carmichael
suggested that prospecting might
yet lead to discoveries there.

Views of Quatsino sound were then
exhibited, and served to give the audi-
ence a realistic conception of this
wonderful waterway, which penetrates
the island for a distance of 25 miles.
The location of the coal discoveries in
this region were indicated, and the
speaker remarked that owing to the
occurrence of a fault at that point,
there was doubt that coal would be
found in commercial quantities, al-
though he thought the deposit might
be located southwest of that place. In
this district is located the only de-
posit of bog iron found on the island.
He described the beauties of Marble
canyon, of which views were shown.
The Douglas fir which is not found on
the coast immediately south occurs
here in considerable abundance. In
connection with the timber possessions
of the country the speaker observed
that it was already all staked by cruis-
ers.

Among the views which followed
there was a portrait of a woman of
the Koskimo tribe of Indians, whose
head was forced into conical shape
by the now abandoned custom of re-
flecting the heads. Pictures were shown
of the whaling station at Kyququot sound,
and photographs of elk taken in their
native haunts in these regions by the
provincial game warden were repro-
duced on the canvas. The place where
Vancouver and Quadra met in 1782, on
Xootka sound was pictured and refer-
ence made to the old Spanish diggings
on Gold river. The speaker said there
was no scientific argument for the as-
sumption that these diggings were ever
very rich, although they had evidently
yielded enough to be considered worth
while in those days. He showed the
copper mines at Sydney Inlet, which
were opened by Hon. E. Dewdney and
others some years ago, afterwards
abandoned, and recently revisited with
promise of success.

Perhaps the most interesting part of
the address dealt with the Alberni dis-
trict, which was well illustrated by
views showing a number of the fine
ranches and cosy homesteads which
have been already located in the coun-
try and promising what may be ex-
pected as a result of railway construc-
tion. Some beautiful photographs of
Great Central lake, Sproat lake and
the fine rivers and water powers of
the Alberni country were exhibited.

In the general picture presented by
Mr. Carmichael there was encourage-
ment for the message of his closing
words in which he said:

"In a crude and imperfect manner I
have endeavored to give you some
small idea of the vast resources of this
island. I think very few of us realize
to-day its commercial possibilities.
There are undeveloped resources lying
dormant, which, if developed, would
make our island a hive of industry
with Victoria as its capital. Far fields
look green, but let us not forget the
clover patch which we have at home.
If the pioneers of this island will pull
together and aid legitimate island en-
terprise, the day is not far distant
when we will surprise even ourselves."

At the conclusion of his address, a
vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Car-
michael by the president upon the resolu-
tion of Simon Leifer, seconded by D.
R. Ker.

HON. A. BRUCE AT EDMONTON.

Edmonton, Dec. 12.—Hon. Alex.
Bruce, son of Lord Elgin, secretary of
state for the colonies in the Campbell-
Bannerman government, and Mr. Van-
ney, secretary to Lord Elgin, were in
the city yesterday. Hon. Mr. Bruce
carried a letter of introduction to
Premier Rutherford from Lord Strath-
cona, the Canadian high commissioner
in London. Hon. A. C. Rutherford ac-
companied the distinguished visitors in
a drive about the city. They were
afterwards entertained at the govern-
ment house, leaving for the east in the
afternoon.

ALBERTA'S PRISONERS.

Edmonton, Alb., Dec. 12.—G. W. Daw-
son, inspector of penitentiaries, is here
and under the Alberta penitentiary in a
satisfactory condition. There are 87
prisoners, the largest number in the
history of the institution.

MURDERER HANGED.

Lawrence Gowland, Perpetrator of
Killarney Crime, Paid Penalty
at Morden, Man.

Morden, Man., Dec. 12.—Lawrence
Gowland was hanged this morning at
7:15. For a man in his position he
bore up wonderfully. The doomed man
was watched over by two special
guards last night. The number of per-
sons allowed to witness the execution
was limited to fifteen. The execution
took place in an enclosure adjoining
the jail, measuring 14 by 10 feet.

Gowland killed Georgina Brown on a
farm near Killarney last August. He
was a hired man, an English emigrant,
sent out by one of the charitable so-
cieties of London. He attempted to kill
himself after the murder, but did not
succeed. Previous to the execution he
sent out two letters to his sister ex-
pressing his repentance.

WHEAT WAREHOUSE DESTROYED

Eight Thousand Bushels Total Loss at
Vonda, Sask.

Vonda, Sask., Dec. 12.—A warehouse
and elevator of the Western Canadian
Mills Company, situated here, were
burned to the ground yesterday. In
addition to the loss of the building
over 8,000 bushels of wheat stored there
were a total loss. The origin of the
fire is unknown.

ARE EXONERATED.

No Blame Is Attached to Officers of
Indianapolis For Recent Accident.

The verdict of the marine enquiry
into the running down of a launch by
the steamship Indianapolis recently has
been made public. The marine inspec-
tors term the occurrence "an unavoid-
able accident," and exonerate the
master and officers of the ferry steam-
ship from all blame.

In the County court to-day Judge
Lampman gave his decision in the case
of Sidall vs. Lampshire. Judgment
was given for the plaintiff with costs.
The claim was one for \$27.50 as com-
mission for the sale of property.

Last evening the Cigaretmakers' In-
ternational Union of Victoria held a
meeting and arrangements were made
to hold a masquerade ball in the A. O.
U. W. hall on Thursday evening, Janu-
ary 16th, 1908. The proceeds are to be
donated to the Anti-Tuberculosis So-
ciety of British Columbia.

In connection with the recent sale
of work in the school of the Church
of our Lord, which was a great suc-
cess in spite of the rain, a very inter-
esting presentation was made to the
children's ward of the Jubilee Hospi-
tal. A pretty model cradle, fitted up
completely and with a doll for occupant,
the work of Mrs. D. Harris, of Superior
street, was purchased by subscription
among the present at the sale, and
was given to the above institution.
Rev. T. W. and Mrs. Gladstone took
the cradle to the hospital, where it
excited general interest and attention,
not only among the little ones in the
ward, but also among the nurses and
attendants.

PERSONAL

Colonel Donald McGregor, who came
over from Seattle yesterday, where he
had been on business, is this afternoon
gone out to the Jubilee hospital in com-
pany with Joseph Irvine and Robert Bor-
land, to visit Mr. Reid, an old Canadian
man and Jailer Shepherd, of the provin-
cial police. All of these men are old-
timers, and consequently have an affinity
of feeling and will enjoy a talk over the
experiences of early days.

Next week E. C. Musgrave, the well
known mining engineer, will leave for
Montana, where he will take charge of
a mine near Deer Lodge for a British
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SCALE OF WAGES AT GRANBY SMELTER

New Schedule Which Has Caused
Deadlock Between Employees
and Owners at Grand Forks

(Special Correspondence).

Grand Forks, B. C., Dec. 11.—The fol-
lowing is the scale of wages now in force
at the Granby smelter, which is causing
so much trouble at present:

Hours.	Employment.	Per Day.
12.	Watchmen	\$2.50
9.	Teamsters	2.50
9.	Mason	5.00
9.	Motorman	3.00
9.	Mason's laborer	2.50
	Machine Shop.	
9.	Machinists	\$4.00
9.	Machinists' helpers, one	3.50
9.	Charge car repairer, one	3.00
9.	Slag car repairer, one	3.00
9.	Chain gang foreman	3.50
9.	First boiler maker	4.00
9.	Second boiler maker	3.75
9.	Boiler makers' helper	2.75
9.	Laborers	2.50
9.	Engineers	3.50
9.	Engineers' converter fitters	3.00
9.	Engineers' pumpers	3.15
9.	Blacksmiths	4.00
9.	Blacksmiths' helper	3.25

Hours.	Employment.	Per Day.
9.	Foremen	\$5.00
9.	Carpenter	3.50
9.	Laborer	2.50
	Brigade.	
9.	Foremen	\$3.50
9.	Feeder	2.75
9.	Laborers	2.50

Hours.	Employment.	Per Day.
9.	Shift bosses	\$5.00
9.	Furnacemen	4.00
9.	Helpers	3.00
9.	Frakemen	3.15
9.	Dumpmen	2.70
9.	Trackmen, dump	3.25
9.	Trackman, yard	3.00
9.	Crane chaser	2.75
9.	Scalesman	3.15
9.	Pipe fitter	3.15
9.	Pipe fitter's helper	2.50
9.	Head feeder	2.75
9.	First leader	3.15
9.	Second leader	3.00
9.	Laborers	2.50

Hours.	Employment.	Per Day.
9.	Shift bosses	\$5.00
9.	Blower men	3.75
9.	Puncher	3.30
9.	Crane chaser	2.75
9.	Slag conveyor	2.75
9.	Tampers	2.75
9.	Helpers	2.50
9.	Head liners	3.15
9.	Mudmillmen	2.70
9.	Laborers	2.50

Hours.	Employment.	Per Day.
9.	Dynamo tender	\$3.00
12.	Plume walkers	2.50
9.	Blower men	3.40
9.	Telephone boys	2.50
9.	Rise cranimen	3.40
9.	Converter cranimen	2.40
9.	Motormen	2.15
9.	Electricians	3.80
9.	Two assistant electricians	2.25
9.	Electricians	2.50

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ING AND SMELTING AND POWER
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DIES FROM FRACTURE.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—William John Lucy,
42 years old, died this morning as a
result of a fracture to the skull sus-
tained by a fall yesterday.

PLAGUE-STRIKEN CREW.

The barque Cape Horn arrived at
Falmouth, England, a few days ago, in
a pitiable plight, the majority of her
crew being down with the tropical dis-
ease known as berri-berri.

The vessel left Hongkong with a cargo
of rice for Hamburg, 175 days before
her arrival in the Old Country. Soon
after sailing the disease broke out, and
the majority of the crew were attacked,
their bodies swelling to an alarming
extent.

Just before arrival at Falmouth one
of the hands died, and was buried at
sea.

Four of the sailors were so ill that
they were landed at Falmouth and con-
veyed to the Royal Cornwall Sailors'
hospital. Several still in the vessel are
too unwell to perform their duties.

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DIED.

FRANCIS—In this city, on the 12th inst.,
Arthur Francis, aged 48 years, a na-
tive of England.

The funeral will take place on Saturday
afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the parlors
of the B. C. Funeral Parlor, 1016
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ISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the Estate of William I.
Lewis, Deceased, Intestate, and in the
Matter of the Official Administrators'
Ait.

Notice is hereby given that, under an
order made by the Honorable Mr. Justice
Irving, dated the 12th day of December,
1907, the undersigned was appointed
administrator of the estate of the above
named deceased. All parties having claims
against the said estate are required to
send particulars of their claims to me,
duly authenticated, on or before the 12th
day of January, 1908. And all parties in-
debted to the said estate are required to
pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.
Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 12th day
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R. G. MONTEITH,
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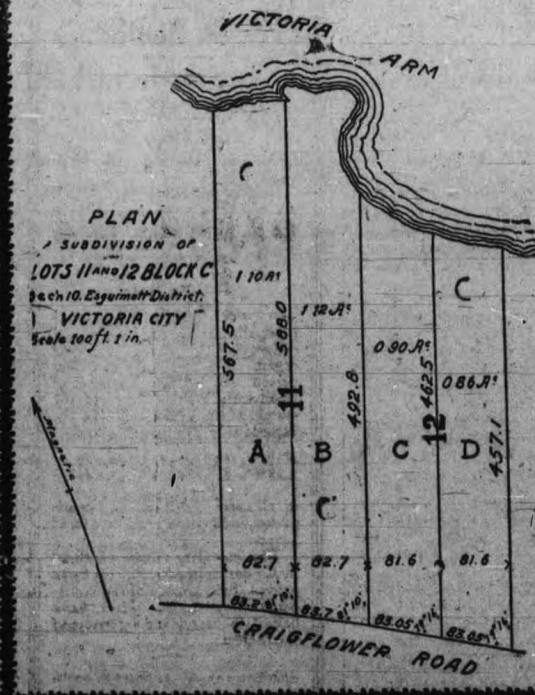
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DR. TURCOTTE FOR NICOLET.

Nicolet, Ont., Dec. 12.—Liberals this afternoon nominated Dr. Turcotte for the Commons in place of E. R. Devlin, who resigned to enter the provincial cabinet.

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DENVER NEXT RENDEZVOUS.

Washington, Dec. 12.—After deciding to hold the next Democratic national convention at Denver and fixing the date of meeting for July, 1908, the Democratic national committee late to-day entered upon a spirited debate on the propriety of accepting more of the \$100,000 offer, \$ by Denver for the convention than will be actually needed to pay the convention expenses in that city. The opposition to the acceptance of the contribution took the form of a resolution by Representative Claxton, of Alabama, declining more than is actually needed for convention purposes, but after a long debate the resolution was laid on the table by a vote of 21 to 14.

On the first ballot Denver received 22 votes, as against 17 for Louisville, 5 for Chicago and 1 for St. Paul. The committee held two sessions during the day and adjourned finally at 8 o'clock.

**PROSPERITY
IS EVIDENCED**

**MONETARY HURRICANE
NOT FELT IN WEST**

Wheat Returns From Fort William Show Country is Richer by \$3,000,000.

Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—It is indeed hard to believe that any actual financial stringency exists throughout the West, when one is brought face to face with undeniable figures as to the amount of money in circulation. There are many who believe that there never was any reason to complain, and that the apparent feeling of depression came from the East and South, which caused a hoarding of money on all hands. The confidence of many people in the situation was, it must be admitted, shaken by the Canadian banks when they sent out word that all overdrafts must be curtailed, and that paper would no longer be negotiable except on the best of grounds, and best securities. The bank managers protested against the attitude taken by the people when this news was made known, and said that they were aiming at restoring affairs to a normal and healthy condition, the blow being aimed at over-speculation in real estate, which would have, in the end, resulted disastrously only for the wise counsel taken by the banks. That there never was any reason to fear will be demonstrated by the figures quoted below, and no doubt when the actual condition of affairs becomes known, the progress of the West, which has been temporarily impeded through a misunderstanding of conditions as they actually exist, will resume the proportions of the past few years.

According to a dispatch from Fort William, published yesterday, 20,083,363 bushels of wheat had been shipped. These figures do not include the amount in elevators throughout the country, and one of the most prominent grain dealers in the West estimates that at least 24,000,000 bushels have been marketed.

This year the farmers are receiving an average of 80 cents per bushel, cash on the street and this represents an amount of \$19,200,000 placed in the hands of western farmers up to the present date. Last year the number of bushels shipped up to the present date was 25,000,000, but the price paid to farmers averaged only 65 cents per bushel, totaling \$16,250,000. Therefore it will be readily seen that the country is better off this year by \$2,950,000, and this represents wheat alone.

Oats to-day are bringing 50 cents per bushel to the farmer, while last year the price paid was only 27 cents. The figures for 1906 were 2,238,769 bushels, and 2,040,620 bushels for 1907, showing a decrease of 198,149 bushels. But no allowance is here made except for oats already graded. Taking these figures into consideration, it will be found that the increased price of oats, despite the small crop, represents a difference of nearly \$19,000 in favor of this year over the amount received by the farmers last year.

Barley has remained at about the same price, namely 40 cents per bushel on the street. But the crop this year was valued at \$578,332, as against \$370,548 for 1906, which shows an increase of \$207,784. Flax is bringing about an average of \$1.10 per bushel this year, which shows a decided increase, the figures being \$317,493 for 1907, compared with \$207,266 in 1906, an increase of \$109,227.

It will readily be seen by the above figures that the amount of money put into the pockets of the western farmers up to the present time this year, represents an increase of over \$3,000,000, as compared with the same date last year. But the above figures, so far as barley, oats, and flax are concerned, only take into consideration the grain that has been graded. Allowing for the amount that may be in the elevators and on the railways at the present time, the increase of currency in circulation this year over last will easily total \$3,500,000, and perhaps considerably over this figure.

In the face of the above figures, there cannot be any reason for any serious depression, and one is inclined to believe that the optimistic view is the correct one, that no depression actually exists, but that people have become frightened and are hoarding the money at a time when there is more actual money on hand than at any previous time.

The sales of live stock this year are fully equal to if not greater than those of a year ago, and the market is in a healthy condition.

HOELS LIABLE.

Goods Left by Guests Must Be Cared for—Interesting Judgment.

Calgary, Dec. 12.—Mr. Justice Harvey gave judgment this morning in the case of W. N. Tompkins, of Okotoks, vs. the Calgary Hotel Company, Limited, which is of more than passing interest to the public.

The plaintiff in the month of March last was a guest of the Royal hotel, Calgary, and while at the hotel left a fur coat in the cloakroom provided for that purpose. Later when he came to get his coat he found it had disappeared. Efforts were made to find the coat, but without avail. Tompkins brought action against the hotel for the value of the coat. The hotel people denied their liability.

Judge Harvey in giving his judgment laid down the principle that an innkeeper is responsible for goods left in the hotel by guests, unless they are able to establish that the guest was guilty of negligence.

Proof of negligence entirely failed in the present case, and judgment was given for the plaintiff for the amount sued, \$100.

There are 37,000,000 children in Russia between the ages of 5 and 14 receiving absolutely no education.

**GENERAL FUNSTON
AT GOLDFIELD**

**MARTIAL LAW UPON
FIRST OUTBREAK**

'Frisco Commander of Opinion That Action May Become Necessary at Any Time.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 12.—General Funston arrived here at 12.30 p.m. to-day and was driven directly to the Casey hotel, where he went at once into conference with Governor Sparks. General Funston stated to the governor that he would remain until the labor situation had cleared up, and there was no longer danger of trouble. General Funston says he is determined to take control of the camps under martial law upon the first outbreak of serious violence.

The superintendent reports that men who have been with them for a year and a half, and who remained loyal through previous strikes, have gone out to-day, leaving him unable to resume operations.

W. H. Bryan, attorney for the Mine Owners' Association, said to-day that he was aware of the intention of men to attempt the arrest of mine owners and officials of the association for violating the state law prohibiting an agreement requiring the joining of or withdrawal from a labor organization, but said he is prepared to prove the law unconstitutional and that it had been tested and declared void in the cases of members of the Industrial Workers of the World.

No arrests have yet been made. The situation at the mines is the same, and there has been no disturbance.

Crowds gathered at the station to witness the arrival this afternoon of General Funston, Major Thetel and Lieut. Evans, the officers who accompanied him from San Francisco. Governor Sparks told General Funston that in his opinion the presence of the troops had prevented serious trouble, and he thought it probable that the troops remain here. He advised that there be no declaration of martial law at this time, but asserted his belief that this action may become necessary at any time.

Officers of the miners' union assert that not more than twenty men are at work on Combination Hill, and that most of these are "plants" of the union, who have been sent to procure work under the agreement required by the Mine Owners' Association, in order that the arrest of George Wingfield and the officers of the association may be effected under the provisions of a Nevada statute which provides that it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to make an agreement with any person for employment which requires that the person employed shall sign an agreement to withdraw from any labor organization which he may have joined.

NELSON BOARD OF TRADE.

Wants Extension of Time for Lead Bounty to Remain in Force.

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 12.—At a meeting of the Nelson board of trade, two important resolutions were passed, both of which will be considered at the annual convention of the associated boards of Kootenay next month.

The first deals with the lead bounty and asks for an extension on the same terms of that bounty, which expires in June next, for another term of five years.

The second deals with the C. P. R. new tariff, and takes a broad basis for argument. It has not asked for petty alterations, but objects to distributing centres, and asks for the establishment in lieu of a mileage basis for freight rates letting trade find its own distribution centres. Further, as the lowering of freight rates is often balked by raising the classification, class four being raised to class three, and so on, the whole system of classification is objected to.

"PRINCESS" ALICE ILL.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The following bulletin was issued at the White House at 9 o'clock to-night: "Mrs. Longworth passed a comfortable day. Her general condition is satisfactory."

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Gifts

**CLEMENCY FOR
WENDIGO MURDERER**

Fiddler, Sentenced to Death for Killing Insane Indian Girl, Will Not Hang.

Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—Joseph Fiddler will not hang. Such is the decree of the Dominion government, word of which reached the city to-day. It will be remembered that at the trial of this Indian for the inhuman murder of an insane girl, a member of the same tribe, near the shores of Hudson's Bay, he was sentenced to death by Commissioner Perry, of the Northwest Mounted Police, who with special powers presided as judge at the time. The death sentence was to have been carried out on the morning of January 7th next.

The trial took place at Norway House, and it was conclusively proven by witnesses that the Indian was guilty of having, with his brother, who strangled himself to death, while under imprisonment, foully murdered several members of the tribe under the ancient rites of the Wendigo. It was to stamp out this dread practice forever that the Dominion government took action in the matter and members of the police force made a long and weary trip through the northern country to the shores of the Hudson's Bay to effect the arrest.

An order in council has been passed at Ottawa commuting the sentence by Commissioner Perry to life imprisonment, and the officer commanding the police post at Norway House has already been notified to that effect. The change of sentence has not come as a surprise, for it has been known for some time that the cabinet was entertaining the proposal to commute his penalty to life imprisonment.

The headquarters division of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police at Regina has been officially notified of the action of the Ottawa government in this regard, although the Indian commissioner, David Laird, in Winnipeg, has not as yet received official information of the action of the government. The Indian will be brought down to the penitentiary at Stony Mountain during the coming month to live out the rest of his natural life behind stone walls. He is already a man about sixty years of age.

CLAIM OF ITALIAN COUNTESS.

Says She Was Fourteen-Year-Old Mother of King's Son.

Rome, Dec. 12.—A sensational trial, which has been before the courts for several months past, was ended to-day, the court reserving decision.

It was a suit brought by the Countess Hercolani against the Royal Family of Italy for damages, she setting up the claim that she was the mother of a child by King Humbert when she was fourteen years of age. She asked that the child be supported by the Royal house, which presented evidence tending to show that the woman at the time of the alleged relation with the King already was of age, and that her supposed child was officially registered as her brother. It is expected that the court's decision will be rendered within a month.

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UNDER SUSPICION

New York, Dec. 12.—Attorney-General Jackson to-day called the attention of District Attorney Jerome to the affairs of the Hamilton Bank, the International Trust Co., and the Hamilton Fire Insurance Co., and declared that any of a criminal nature appeared to have been committed therein. In the case of the Hamilton Bank, Mr. Jackson sent to Mr. Jerome a copy of the report of the receiver of the bank in which he set forth certain overdrafts alleged to have been made by Wm. Hamilton, vice-president, which Mr. Jackson said appear to be a violation of the penal code.

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THE LIEUT. GOVERNOR AND THE PREMIER.

The Colonist has at last been forced to take notice of the equivocal position in which Premier McBride finds himself as a result of the disallowance by Lieut.-Governor Dunsen of the Bowser Bill of last session. It says the Toronto Globe is silly in saying that the Premier is "charged with secretly advising the Lieut.-Governor to withhold his assent" to the measure. But it has not been denied that the Prime Minister of British Columbia was aware some time before the bill passed the House of the intentions of the Lieut.-Governor with respect to it. We have not been told whether Mr. McBride protested against the contemplated action of Mr. Dunsen. It was manifestly his duty as the adviser of His Honor to acquaint him with the sentiments of the government and of the Legislature with respect to the bill of Mr. Bowser. The Premier knows, we presume, that the Lieut.-Governor, according to constitutional usage and precedent, can take no action of his own volition as long as he is surrounded by responsible advisers. Under certain circumstances His Honor may refer matters of grave national or imperial import to the Governor-General in Council at Ottawa. In such cases the Premier of a province is absolved of all responsibility. In the instance under discussion no advice was given by the authorities at Ottawa. Consequently, as the matter stands, either the Lieut.-Governor acted upon his own responsibility or he was guided by the advice of his chief counsellor. Premier McBride has not condescended to make any statement calculated to clear the matter up. The Lieut.-Governor, of course, cannot give the public his version of the incident. Obviously, in the light of recent developments, the matter cannot be passed over. Whoever is responsible must be called to account. Possibly when the Legislature meets the public may be acquainted with the facts.

ASPIRATIONS OF THE MANUFACTURERS.

The Canadian Manufacturers' Association wants a commission appointed with powers similar to the powers of the Railway Commission. The Railway Commission regulates the tariff of railway companies. The Tariff Commission, we presume, if constituted in accordance with the desires of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, would be endowed with the power to fix the rate of taxation upon all goods consumed by the people of Canada, giving, also, we presume, special consideration to the products of the members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. It appears to us, and must appear to all Canadians who are not members of that association, is becoming even more arrogant and unreasonable than it has been in the past, even in the days when it was given the privilege, through the complaisance of Hon. Geo. E. Foster, of dictating the rates of duty to be imposed by the government of Canada. It cannot dictate directly to the present government, and so it would like to be placed in a position to dictate indirectly. The Railway Commission has given such general satisfaction that the manufacturers evidently think their protectionist ideas might be accepted more readily by the people under cover of a presumably independent body appointed by the government. The defenders of the movement will probably say that it is not their purpose to have the commission composed entirely of representatives of the manufacturing interests. There might be representatives of other branches of trade, including farmers and tradesmen and workmen, on the body. The agricultural interests of Canada are protesting to-day, as they have continually protested, against any increase in the protection accorded manufacturers. They allege sarcastically to the many evidences of the prosperity of the manufacturing industries under the protection they are receiving and want to know when the pulling infants are going to be satisfied. The great commercial interests of the country are well pleased with the present condition of affairs. They deprecate any change because of the disturbing effects such a change would be sure to have upon business. The working men have enjoyed steady employment at good wages for more than a decade now, and they do not want any increase in taxation which would add to the already high cost of living. In fact, public opinion is generally expressed in altogether in favor of a tariff for revenue and a reduction of taxation to a point in accordance with the revenue requirements of the country. Therefore the tariff must be left in the hands of the members of Parliament. The manufacturers say they want the tariff taken entirely out of politics. They are doing their utmost to keep it in politics. And the more they agitate, the greater will be the

tendency in a direction of which they do not approve, but which will insure to the benefit of a majority of the people.

AMERICAN SUZERAINTY.

Our friend Captain Clive Phillips-Wolley was in fine militant fettle at the banquet of the Sons of England last night. Fortified and inspired by roast beef just as good as any Old England can produce, supplemented by Yorkshire Pudding and, we trust, nothing more fiery than "Brown October Ale," the Lord of Pier Island expressed his sentiments of both Americans and Canadians. He was, we observe, not particularly complimentary to either. However, we must make due allowance for the inspiration of the occasion, whether that inspiration was atmospheric or more substantial in its source. We confess to a fine feeling of complacency when the rascal American eagle is held up in a strong hand and stripped of a few of his tail feathers. Nor do we object to the Canadian beaver being grasped by his flat tail, which tradition says has been given him for a practical purpose, and given a few gentle reminders of his obvious imperial duty. But we trust, now that it is the day after and the poetic frenzy has passed off, that Captain Wolley will excuse us for calling attention to certain obvious facts. Is it not true that the American press has been justified to some extent in its patronizing attitude towards Canada by the sycophantic demeanor of some British statesmen towards the United States? Was not the withdrawal of British troops and of the British navy from the American continent ascribed by some prominent imperial statesmen to the strong vital force of the unwritten alliance and to the protective virtues of the Monroe Doctrine? It seems to us that at least one British public man intimated not so long ago that the maintenance of a navy in American waters was no longer necessary because no European power would dare to forcibly controvert the doctrine promulgated by the late President Monroe. American newspapers were naturally greatly flattered by that announcement, and, no matter what Canadians may say in deprecation of such a condition of affairs, our neighbors have shouldered the burden cast thus upon them and may be expected to periodically felicitate themselves on the confidence in their prowess and neighborliness thus expressed. The New York Times is not the only American newspaper that has alluded in a patronizing way to the trust imposed in the United States by Great Britain. Possibly the following from the Chicago Tribune, an influential paper of the West, may set Captain Wolley on the rampage again, but we cannot help that—it is interesting: "Now Great Britain has withdrawn the last redcoat from British America. Esquimaux, Halifax, Bermuda, have all lost their importance as naval bases and strongholds of the British power in the western hemisphere. It has now no feet in American waters. Great Britain has practically left the protection of Canada and the British West Indies to the United States, which could never consent to see these British possessions fall into the hands of any other European power. Great Britain has almost as great an interest as the United States in seeing the American fleet increase in strength."

President Roosevelt, as might have been expected from a man of his character, says the letter of the unwritten law which governs presidential candidates will be strictly observed in his case. He might by quibbling contend that he has only served one term as president, seeing that as vice-president he stepped into the shoes of President McKinley, who was assassinated. But he is not going to resort to any such expedient. Practically the president says he has fulfilled all the conditions of the unwritten law and he will not violate a wise and necessary precedent which is designed for the benefit of ambitious American citizens who aspire to sit in the chair of the chief magistrate of the greatest of all republics. Mr. Roosevelt will not run again. Mr. Taft and Mr. Fairbanks and Mr. Hughes, or any others who think they have a chance, may now consider themselves in the hands of the Republican convention. Possibly what may prove the greatest opportunity Mr. Bryan has ever had to reach, his sum of his ambitions may also be considered to have all but arrived. It is conceded that no American, even with the assistance of hard times, the most potent political factor in the affairs of

the United States, would have had a fighting chance against the popular president. But now Mr. Roosevelt is out of the fight there would appear to be a splendid chance for the "man from Nebraska." There is not much comfort for William J. in the result of recent elections, it is true; but the depression was not felt very severely during the late campaign. The storm had not then burst. The hard times will materially assist Mr. Bryan beyond question, but whether he will win is another matter. If he does not, he might as well admit that there is one man of acknowledged attainments but doubtful stability, born in the United States, who is not destined to become president of the U. S.

Says the Toronto Star: "A contemporary defends the practice of eating with a knife. It may serve well enough for toothless people to throw all the work on the knife, but so long as one has a full set of nature's masticators the knife should be used only to convey food to the mouth." Perhaps the Star will undertake to tell the virile people of the West, who recognize no arbitrary rules or effete conventions, why food should not be eaten with a knife. What authority anyone of independent spirit ought to respect established the law that the uses of a knife at table ought to be limited? And what was the cause of such a rule being promulgated? It may be argued that the knife is a dangerous instrument upon which to convey food to the mouth because it is supposed to have a sharp edge and may cut, causing the victim of an accident to present a repulsive appearance to his neighbor; but the fork has several sharp points and may be the cause of a puncture, with undesirable results. The West is in a receptive mood at present, and ready to swallow instructive information. But if it is expected to be tampered by eastern conventions, it must know the reason why.

When the sovereign of Germany visits the sovereign of another country, the sovereign of the first part usually salutes the sovereign of the second part upon both cheeks. But the Kaiser merely kissed Wilhelm's hand when he landed in Holland.

The unwritten law is now in force in Canada, if we are to judge by the decision of a jury in the new province of Saskatchewan. Capt. Wolley will please note another instance of the demoralizing effect of American institutions.

Jupiter Pluvius made a very determined effort last night to adjust his balances. We had a very dry summer and fall.

WARSHIPS WILL SOON BE PACIFIC BOUND

Final Arrangements in Progress on U. S. Fleet Assembled Off Virginia.

Old Point Comfort, Me., Dec. 12.—The admirals of the four divisions and the captains of the sixteen ships in the Pacific bound fleet are busy arranging the last details of the Presidential review which on Monday morning will precede the departure of the vessels of war through the Virginia capes.

The officers have taken from their library shelves the navy's old tactical signal book and are renewing their memory of its directions as to passing in review. Admiral Evans has issued the last general orders for the start of the cruise on its first stage to Trinidad. Economy of coal consumption is urged by Admiral Evans upon every ship's crew. One of the most valuable pieces of information the transfer of the ships to the Pacific is expected to develop has to do with the amount of fuel consumed. A ten knot speed is to be maintained throughout the voyage and orders have been issued to this effect. Only steam enough to carry that speed economically shall be kept in the boilers.

A grand ball at the Chamberlain hotel to-night is to be the last shore entertainment for the officers of the fleet.

SENSATIONAL TURN IN DRUCE MYSTERY

Prosecution Dispenses With Evidence of American Who Said He Arranged Mock Funeral.

London, Dec. 12.—A sensational turn was given to the hearing of the Druce case to-day, when Mr. Jones announced that the prosecution had decided not to rely upon the evidence given by Robt. C. Caldwell, the American witness, who declared among other things that he had arranged the mock funeral of T. C. Druce.

After the cross-examination to which Mr. Caldwell had been subjected and the suspicions aroused thereby, Mr. Atherton Jones said he considered it to be no longer proper to rely upon the evidence of this witness. He made this statement counsel said, without prejudice to Mr. Caldwell. After evidence to corroborate the statements made by previous witnesses had been taken the case for the prosecution was closed. The defence open on December 16th.

"THAT IS ANOTHER LIE."

Washington, Dec. 12.—In answer to inquiries as to the truth of the report which has gained some currency here that Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou is about to resign from the cabinet, the secretary's sole comment was, "That is another lie."

A Clearance Sale of All Children's Coats To-morrow

An Exceptional Opportunity for Wide-Awake Mothers

FOR SATURDAY we have booked an important sale of CHILDREN'S STYLISH COATS, and are clearing them out at greatly reduced prices, which will interest every mother who wishes to see her child warmly and stylishly dressed. These coats are all splendidly made and very carefully hand-tailored, and come in full lengths and double-breasted styles, and are strictly up-to-the-minute in every way. Below we are giving four descriptions:

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Extra Special To-Night at 7.30

A Splendid Lot of China Regular \$2.00 for 50c

This assortment includes many lovely pieces of fine China ware, such as Jardiniere, fancy Plates, Cups and Saucers, and many novelty pieces. The values run as high as \$2.00, but to-night at 7.30 sharp, we are offering our customers their choice 50c

Extra Special To-Night at 7.30

Men's Leather Hand Valises Reg. \$3.50 to \$4.50 for \$2.90

At 7.30 sharp we are placing a number of Men's Leather Hand Valises on sale. These are in brown and black, leather handles and cotton lined, in sizes of 14, 16, and 18-inch. The reg. price was \$3.50 to \$4.50. Special to-night at 7.30, each..... \$2.90

Extra Special To-Night at 7.30

3 1-2 Yard Blouse Silk Reg. 75c yd; the piece \$1.50

To-night we are placing on sale a quantity of silk in 3 1/2 yard length. This is admirably suited for blouses, and it is all 22 inches wide, in all the most desirable colors. Each piece containing 3 1/2 yard. At 7.30 to-night, the piece at..... \$1.50

Men's Raincoats and Overcoats on Sale To-morrow

Regular Values \$15.00 to \$18.00. To-morrow \$12.50

To-morrow we are offering men another special opportunity to save. These garments come in full lengths in cravenette and covert cloths, and are all strictly up to the minute of style. No man who wishes a good over-garment can afford to let this opportunity pass. Regular prices \$15 to \$18. To-morrow..... \$12.50

Child's and Boy's Fancy Overcoats on Sale To-morrow

Regular Prices \$5.75. To-morrow \$3.75.

Just the kind of garment for the little fellows this weather to keep them warm, and which any mother would be proud to see her boy dressed in. They are in double and single-breasted styles, with and without velvet collars, and have belts, with brass buttons down front. Regular prices were \$5.75. To-morrow..... \$3.75

For This Evening at 7.30

Perfumes Regular 75c for 50c

This evening we are placing on sale a line of beautiful perfumes, put up in glass stoppered bottles and in fancy boxes, and include a full assortment of the most desirable odors, such as carnation, violet, white rose, lily of the valley, etc., just the thing for Christmas. Reg. price 75c. Special to-night at 7.30..... 50c

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Another lot of Men's Fine Gloves go on sale to-night at 7.30 sharp. This lot are of the famous Dent's and Perrin's manufacture, and are in heavy dogskin, heavy tan mocha, silk lined and unlined, in the latest effects. Regular values \$1.75. To-night at 7.30, per pair..... \$1.00

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We're showing a number of late novelties in ladies' neckwear that would be very desirable Christmas gifts. Direct connections with the leading sources of supply give us quick advantage in regard to style, and as fast as new things go on sale they are snapped up; that reason we urge immediate selection, and if you want styles that are out of the ordinary, here you will find them at prices ranging from, up..... 25c

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GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MUSICAL COMPETITION.

To the Editor:—Will you be so good as to publish this letter in your columns and so assist in making the objects and conditions of His Excellency Earl Grey's musical and dramatic trophy competition as widely known throughout the province as possible?
(a) No person who has within the past five years lived by the profession of music or the drama is eligible. It is not understood to exclude musicians or players, who, while music or the drama is not their main calling, have accepted nominal pay from church choirs, amateur musical organizations and amateur dramatic associations.
(b) Professional conductors will not be permitted to appear upon the platform.
(c) Orchestras will not be considered as performers when they are more accomplished.
(d) Soloists who are paid for services at concerts are professionals and will be excluded.
(e) A professional in music will not be considered a professional when taking part as a theatrical amateur nor vice-versa.
(f) Companies may comprise either ladies or gentlemen, or both.
(g) The character of the entertainment shall be absolutely in the discretion of the respective companies, but the time for performance is limited to one hour and a half.
(h) Each competing company must be prepared to meet its own expenses. As the various companies are representing their respective cities for the honor of winning His Excellency's trophy, it is hoped that these cities sending such representative companies will assist in defraying their expenses.
(i) The reception committee at Ottawa will arrange for the lowest possible hotel and boarding house rates, and in addition thereto as many members as possible of the visiting companies will be entertained in private houses during their stay in Ottawa.
(j) Entries should be sent to F. C. T. O'Hara, Esq., honorary secretary, the Earl Grey musical and dramatic trophy competition, Ottawa, without delay.
(k) Each company must state for which trophy they desire to compete.
(l) The committee at Ottawa reserve the right to reduce the number of entries in case the total number of entries exceed the number which can be conveniently handled during the week of the competition.
(m) Any further information required I will gladly furnish.
GEO. PHILLIPS,
Chairman for British Columbia of the Earl Grey Musical and Dramatic Trophy Competition,
Victoria, B. C., 11th December, 1907.

SITUATION AT GOLDFIELD.

Strike Breakers Expected to Arrive at Mining Camp To-day.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 12.—That the number of men working on the Consolidated and Mohawk properties is greater than yesterday was claimed by the Mine Owners' Association this morning. No strike breakers have yet arrived, though a train load is looked for later in the day. There is no excitement.
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—A 20 per cent reduction is being made off all watches by Blyth, the jeweler, of Fort street, near Douglas. Ask to see his strong serviceable watches suitable for boys and workmen at \$4.75 and \$7.50. Special value.

—A superb collection of fancy linens for Christmas presents at astonishingly low prices. Just received a delayed shipment of pillow shams, tray cloths, bureau and sideboard covers, table centre pieces and doilies, which have been marked at special prices to ensure a speedy clearance. Robinson's Cash Store, 86 Yates street.

—Meet the healer, Edw. Olney, at his parlors in the Vernon block, room 16, corner Douglas and View, at 8 o'clock to-night.

—There are 625 more names on the civic voters' list this year than last. A number of those who registered last year have not put their names on this time as there seems to be no great issue before the people.

—Last evening Charles W. Lee, a carpenter, aged 24 years, and a recent arrival from Brighton, England, died at the St. Joseph's hospital. The body has been removed to Hanna's undertaking parlors, where it will be kept pending instructions by cable from relatives in England.

—In the police court this morning Charles R. Strandell was brought before Magistrate Jay on a charge of stealing a pair of scissors. As the informant did not appear the case was adjourned until to-morrow morning. A drunk was sent on the usual route.

—Yesterday afternoon John Martin was brought down from Nanaimo, where he was convicted of selling whiskey to Indians and given nine months in the provincial jail. Martin is a Seattle man who has for some time past been living in Nanaimo, and is usually known there as "Scrap Iron Jack."

—Yesterday afternoon the funeral of the late John Emery took place from the residence of his son, William Emery, North Pembroke, at 1.40, and at St. Barnabas' church at 2 o'clock, where services were conducted by Rev. E. G. Miller, who also officiated at the grave. There was a large number of friends in attendance and many flowers. The following acted as pallbearers: W. Clark, R. C. McRae, W. F. Fullerton, Robt. Brown, Wm. Ralph and M. Pike.

—The ladies of the W. C. T. U. held a business meeting in the King's Daughters' rooms yesterday afternoon for the purpose of preparing a programme of work for the next six months. It was arranged to have a big evangelistic meeting on the second Thursday in January in the King's Daughters' rooms on Fort street, when several prominent ladies will speak. The ladies' parlors in the W. C. T. U. building on Yates street has been given up for the general work of the organization, as there have been during the last month or two such a large number of applicants for shelter.

—A most successful sale of work and entertainment was held by the Willing Workers of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church last Wednesday. Mr. A. E. Fraser, Jr., acted as chairman for the evening entertainment, which was well patronized, despite the stormy weather. The following programme was exceptionally well rendered: Tableau, "The Fairy Queen's Visit"; song, Mr. Marsh; tableau, "Christmas Angel"; piano solo, Miss Goodhue; tableau, "Music, Art and Literature"; song, Miss Dixon; tableau, "Industry"; song, Mr. Dixon; recitation, Miss MacDonald; Christmas carol, Junios Willing Workers.

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—This evening the annual recital and view of paintings given by pupils of Mrs. Briggs will be held in the Institute hall. An interesting programme has been prepared for the occasion.

—This evening a meeting of the Victoria branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society will be held for the purpose of meeting a deputation from Vancouver, consisting of Rev. Mr. Owens and Mr. Jones.

—Last evening the regular meeting of Victoria Nest, No. 1, Brotherhood of Owls, was held in the upper hall of the A. O. U. W. building. A number of candidates for admission to the order were initiated.

—Call on Toy Bazaar, 643 Fort street. Toys of all descriptions retail at wholesale prices.

—Twenty per cent discount at W. H. Pennock's, 624 Yates street. He is going out of business. Buy your Xmas presents here and save money.

—Last evening a large number attended the concert given by the ladies of the Sunday school of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic cathedral in the Institute hall. A good programme was prepared for the occasion by members of the Sunday school guild. The proceeds will go to furnish the Christmas tree for the school.

—Rev. F. Wilford Jones, who has recently commenced efforts for extending the work of the Canadian Bible Society in this province, is announced to preach in the Church of Our Lord on Sunday morning. Mr. Jones's experience in New Zealand, and recent labors for the Bible Society in Winnipeg, make it probable that a forceful and interesting sermon will be given.

—One of the teams of the Truck and Dray Company ran away on Fort street this morning. The horses dashed down Douglas street and collided with a telephone pole at the corner of Douglas and Courtney streets. One of the animals, a valuable mare, was instantly killed, by striking its head against the pole. The other horse was apparently uninjured.

—Rev. E. G. Miller, of St. Barnabas church, is anxious to obtain information as to the present whereabouts of James Mansel, who left Victoria in April for a whaling station in the North, and after returning to Victoria in the second week of August again left the city and has not been heard of since. Rev. Mr. Miller has been in communication with Mansel's friends in England who are anxious to locate the man.

—Mr. Jacobson, who has been with the house of Hobblerlin, of Toronto, for the past three years, one of the largest tailoring firms in the east, has arrived in Victoria and has taken charge of the tailoring for the Wide-Awake Tailoring Co., of 543 Johnson street. For the next ten days Mr. Jacobson will give a demonstration of coat making in the front of the store. All men who are particular about their clothes should call in and see a garment maker as it should be by a first class workman.

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—To-morrow the hunting season closes. It has been reported that a number of men are intending to go out on Sunday in the hope of evading being detected. There will be danger in doing this, as the police will be on the watch.

—The programme for the coming musical concert, under the Y. W. C. A., is well in hand by Benedict Bantly, who has charge of the event. An excellent concert is promised at the Victoria theatre on Thursday evening next at 8.30 o'clock.

—One of the prettiest windows yet seen in Victoria, and one that is causing considerable attention, is the Christmas window of G. D. Christie's Shoe Emporium, corner Johnson and Government streets. The arrangement and decoration are especially attractive, and show to great advantage the excellent stock of Christmas footery here to be procured. When making a present, make a useful one. Shoes are always acceptable.

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—Walter Palmer, the manager of the Rockside orchard, returned a couple of days ago from a visit to the Hood River and other fruit growing districts of the Western States. He finds that the people there are ahead of British Columbia in their methods. The apples they grow somewhat resemble those of the Okanagan. In pears, however, the Island leads everything Mr. Palmer has seen. He thinks the Victoria growers should give much more attention to the culture of pears, as it is always best to grow the fruit in which the district excels particularly.

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SPORTING NEWS

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

AT OAK BAY.

The soccer game to be played at the Oak Bay park to-morrow is between the J. B. A. A. and Esquimalt. The latter club have Jasper back in goal again. That seems to be a mistake unless he is not fit in some way. Jasper makes a splendid forward, and his place cannot be taken by any other man with advantage to the team. The following is the line-up:

Esquimalt—Goal, Jasper; full backs, Lockley and Prevost; half backs, Sheriff, Duffy, Dobbie; forwards, Martin, Young, Telford, Walker and Okell.

James Bay Athletic Association—Goal, Peden; full backs, S. Lorimer and Lawson; half backs, J. Lorimer, Hughes and Shanks; forwards, Davis, outside left; Sedger, inside left; Dakers, centre; Todd, inside right, and Tait, outside right.

LEAGUE MET LAST NIGHT.

At the meeting of the Victoria District Football League held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms last night a report was received from Victoria's representative, W. Ellis, at the meeting called in Vancouver to consider the forming of a British Columbia athletic union. The vice-president of the league, C. G. Dunlop, and there were also present E. Whyte, Y. M. C. A.; Sergeant-Major Warder, Garrison; A. Lockley, Esquimalt; Mr. Smith, Egeria; W. G. Goddard, Shearwater, and Lieutenant Stern, Fifth Regiment.

The letter from Mr. Ellis is as follows:

Vancouver, Dec. 6, 1907.

Hon. Secretary, Victoria District League.

Dear Sir—I beg to notify you that I attended the meeting held in the Edmonton on Saturday, November 30th, as a delegate from your body. I also explained to the gentlemen present (and every athletic body in British Columbia was represented) that under the existing laws, as to the definition of an amateur, it was impossible for football associations to affiliate with the other athletic organizations in British Columbia, and the general feeling of the meeting was that this union, if formed, could insert a clause in their constitution that would allow the footballmen the jurisdiction over their own players.

New, while discussing with you that we are quite capable of looking after and governing football ourselves, still we must not lose sight of the fact that among our ranks are track and field athletes, rowing men, swimming, hockey and several other amateur sports, and if we wish to look after their interests and safeguard their amateur status, we must join in this movement, and, if possible, use our influence to have the same constitution and laws prevail here as in Great Britain.

If we stand aloof, then all our players will be professionalized immediately under the auspices of the B. C. A. A. union, C. A. A. U. or A. A. U. The opinion of the meeting was that a British Columbia union should be formed at an early date, and a committee was formed to collect details and information; also sound all the different athletic bodies re football and lacrosse, and report at a general meeting to be called in March.

The committee is as follows: Messrs. F. Russell, V. A. C.; G. A. Smith, Y. M. C. A.; Dr. Davidson, McGill college; A. E. King, rowing club; Will Ellis, football; Rev. J. S. Henderson, lacrosse, and R. P. Woodward, Rugby. Trusting you will through this matter out before your organization, and find, if possible, a mutual agreement by which we can all work in union for the benefit of amateur athletics.

The league endorsed the stand taken by their representative. A communication was received from Vancouver asking the local team to guarantee the amount of \$55 for their visit to this city. The local men had already offered to guarantee \$30 and all the rest of the gate up to \$55. These terms will be adhered to if the visitors come.

Should this game be played on New Year's day, there will be a big game here on Christmas day, when twenty-two men will be chosen from the local teams by a selection committee and these will be divided into two teams from which at the close of the game the eleven Victoria representatives will be chosen. It is considered that this will be a good method of selection and that it will also have the good effect of giving the men one extra practice game.

The league decided last night to secure goal nets, and Ed White was deputed to purchase them in readiness for the next games.

FIGHT FOOTBALL.

DELEGATES TO MEET.

Arrangements have been made for a meeting in Vancouver on the 21st of the delegates from the Rugby clubs of the coast, to discuss the matter of reviving the British Columbia union. Delegates from Victoria and Nanaimo as well as Vancouver will be present. The following letter from the last secretary of the union is in answer to one sent him by Secretary Sweeney of this city:

Dear Sir—Your letter to Mr. Bell Irving suggesting the calling of a meeting of the British Columbia Rugby Union, with the idea of arranging a satisfactory schedule for the McKenna club, has been handed to me, and I hereby notify you that such meeting will be held in Macdonald-Marpo's office, Seymour street, Vancouver, on December 21st, at 11 a. m. sharp. Kindly advise me at your earliest convenience if this arrangement is satisfactory.

BASKETBALL.

GAMES THIS WEEK.

The Y. M. C. A. Juniors and Inter-mediate will play the J. B. A. A. Juniors and Inter-mediate at the James Bay gymnasium to-night.

To-morrow night in the drill hall there will be two senior matches played, one between the Fifth Regiment and the Firemen, and the other between the Y. M. C. A. and the J. B. A. A. The Regiment band will be in attendance.

Y. M. C. A. JUNIORS.

The following team will represent the Y. M. C. A. Juniors: Guards, J. Fairfield (captain) and C. Baker; centre, Elliott; forwards, Campbell and Middleton.

THE RING.

KETCHEL GETS DECISION. San Francisco, Dec. 13.—Young Ketchel won the decision over Joe Thomas in a twenty-round bout at Baseball Park last night. Ketchel was the aggressor, but his rushes were gamely met by Thomas, who in turn landed some punishing blows. There was fast and furious fighting from the first, and both men showed the effect of the fighting long before the end.

Ketchel was the stronger at the end of the twentieth round and was awarded the fight.

THE TURF.

OWNER BANNED.

New York, Dec. 12.—At a meeting today of the stewards of the Jockey Club, presided over by August Belmont, a motion was adopted and the secretary of the club was instructed to write all associations racing under the jurisdiction of the Jockey Club requesting them to refuse all further entries of C. E. Durnell and of any horse in which he may be interested.

GOLF.

AT MACAULEY POINT.

In a fourteen team game the United Service Golf Club will to-morrow afternoon play the Victoria Golf Club at the grounds of the former at Macauley Point. In addition to the team match, there will be a single match between Harvey Combe and the professional of the United Service Club.

GENERAL NOTES.

F. Baylis, Oswald Margison and Bob Morrison will be among the Y. M. C. A. marathon racers on New Year's day. The Vancouver Y. M. C. A. basketball team defeated a game on Wednesday against Mount Pleasant, because the latter men were not registered with the C. A. A. U.

FORTUNE TOO LATE.

Inventor Found Drowned on the Day of His Success.

While a letter offering him \$50,000 for his invention of a patent reversible turbine was going through the post, William Gardner, of Aberdeen, lay drifting dead in the Thames.

This turbine is stated to be the only reversible turbine known, and Gardner, who was chief engineer of the steamship Southwold, had been engaged on it for nearly seven years. The invention is considered a very important improvement.

His body was picked up off Woolwich. At the inquest the evidence showed that the Southwold was lying off the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, on October 22nd, and Gardner told his son that he was going on shore for a while. He had no worries, and was delighted, because his patent was to be sold. He was forty-three years old, and had spent most of his money on his invention, which had been patented in the leading countries for seven years.

A potman deposed to leaving him at midnight. He was then going to his ship. But he never reached the ship. He was not again seen alive. An open verdict of "Found drowned" was returned. No suspicion of foul play is entertained.

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If ever Macedonia is restored to civilization again, this Ochrida will become a place of pilgrimage for all lovers of natural beauty. I have visited most of the "show cities" of Southern Europe, and can think of none which can challenge its particular appeal. A lake of deep blue water is set in a circle of blue hills, immediately surrounded by a little plain of fertile land rich in corn and fruit and flowers. Beyond, in range after range of wild and tossing hills, the mountains of Albania lead westward to the sea. White monasteries and villages in their green groves are set in ledges and intervening valleys.

Out of the plain, isolated and alone by the side of the lake, rises abruptly the double hill of Ochrida. Above are the vast ruins of a mediæval castle; below the climbing streets of houses, incredibly picturesque. Incredibly old, every one of which in England would be a show sight and guarded treasure. Here, so far from the railway, human life has leaped backward to a region where all modern discovery counts for nothing at all. The fishermen put out onto the lake in those unwieldy wooden craft which picture books have associated with the cave men of the ancient Britons. The narrow streets of the town, with the houses almost meeting overhead, exhibit the open, windowless shops, the artisans still engaged in their hand labor: weaving, beating out metal work, baking in the big ovens as in the bazaars of India, or in London of the Middle Ages. The children here, perhaps through the Albanian blood, noticeably beautiful, follow the stranger in wondering crowds, and add to the color of the red peppers on the walls and the vines and poplars of the gardens some sense of movement and a vitality not yet altogether destroyed.

And if the picturesque of the Middle Ages abides, there abides also its insecurity. The foreign officer stationed here found articulate language weak to express his indignation with present affairs. Far away, in some remote universe, the machinery of reform reared out paper constitutions. Here the old tragedies remained unchanged. The Albanians here plunder and murder the Christians. A "Muslim Committee" murders whom it pleases. No redress is possible. The people—unhappy—prostrate themselves before the ascendant Turk, who does exactly as he pleases with their person and property. He praised, indeed, the ordinary Turkish soldier, who is a Turkish soldier. They were all right. "Brave gens" he called them. The evil came from three classes—the Priest, the official, the officer. "C'est un Gouvernement inhumain," he termed it. If the system of Ferdinand at Naples had been established in the "non de dieu," this was established in the "non de dieu."

We rode out from Ochrida to visit a village on the hillside which had been burnt after the insurrection, with many of its people murdered. Our way led through an English lane bordered by hedges of sweet briar and elder, blackberry and wild clematis. The village, perched high above the blue lake, and looking over the wide plain, revealed still the havoc of that human hurricane. Some of the houses had been repaired, with thatched roofs replacing the old brown tiles. Some still stood empty, blackened, roofless. Women to the method of suppression which Hilmi Pasha pleasantly declared had been learnt from British experience in South Africa. Here the English Relief Committee had come to help people so shattered by misfortune as almost to have lost the springs of resistance. We halted by a group of women who eyed us with impulsive apathy. When my companion was introduced as a member of the "Committee," however, they pressed around him, kissing his hand. "But for the Committee," they said, "we should all have died."

"The peasants here seem restoring their old fortunes," we suggested to our guide. "Those of them who are not underground," was his reply.

Everywhere here the new factor is the emigration. Stimulated by emigration agents who provide the necessary funds on the security of the land, the adult male population is pressing in increasing numbers beyond the sea. Thirty thousands have left this particular district alone in the past three years. They send back remittances to the families left behind; on the average at least twenty pounds a year. And these remittances are rebuilding the destroyed villages and bringing to the little towns the appearance of prosperity. The Turkish government winked at this exodus, thinking, perhaps, that thus are peacefully banished elements which might make for disturbance. But the return of these emigrants—and they have departed only to return—must exercise a profound influence in the movement toward liberation.

Here the Turkish landlords are selling their land to the peasants, and migrating to the cities. To some observers this appears as evidence of the forbidding of change, but to others it is merely a method of scooping up some of the golden shower of American money. "When we want the land back," say these genial souls, "we will take it again."

In all is a reminder of Ireland—in the struggle between an Ascendancy and a race with a deepened religion; in the Agrarian struggle for the land against landlord exaction; in the escape through emigration. Yet the elements here would seem far more hopeful for the future, being, once effectual reforms were secured. The country is beyond measure more fertile than the Ireland of the western seaboard; I saw no such land being scratched for subsistence as those forlorn areas of stones and bog; I saw no such evidence of grinding poverty as the poverty of Connemara or Donegal. Every village has its fruit trees, and in almost every village there were those signs of human enjoyment whose absence is so conspicuous in Western Ireland—gardens gay with flowers. The people, oppressed and trodden down for centuries, still exhibit a marvellous power of resistance and endurance. There are few wounded to tend after the

massacres, those not immediately killed manfully speedily to recover. The air in these high uplands is itself a tonic; home arts remain in the cottages; there are the handlooms and forges, which exhibit a various handicraftsmanship dolorously disappeared from the English village. It is not nature's austerity nor the inevitable changes of progress, but a remediable inheritance of human carelessness and cruelty which have brought this Land of Plenty into wastage and decay.

Our return journey was mainly accomplished after nightfall; up long gorges where the blackness was only lightened far overhead by a glimpse of circling stars; and out where the wide plain stretched out limitless and tranquil under the moonlight. Our escort exhibited considerable uneasiness on the journey. Once they halted in excited fashion, slipping cartridges in their rifles, announcing in whispers the presence of "comitajis." And, indeed, on that lonely road, with the mist gathered everywhere in the hollows and beyond a vision of unending and desolate hills, violence seemed more natural than security and quiet. After a time, however, we moved slowly forward. Whatever phantom figures had appeared in the distance vanished again in the darkness; and the kindly lights of Monastir, with its lamp minarets, proclaimed a safe return to the normal amenities of Europe.

ENTERPRISING NOVELIST.

Lady Who Types Her Stories on a Desert Island.

In order to get local coloring, Miss Beatrice Grimshaw, an authoress, is exploring the little known islands of the Pacific ocean. She published a book in London recently dealing with the native life in the Pacific, and then went out to pursue her investigations further.

The last news of her came to Sydney by the South Sea Island steamer Suva from Nukalofa, in the Tonga group. A few days ago, the report brought by the Suva mail, "a native was seen paddling his canoe at a furious rate towards the Nukalofa beach. When he got his breath and calmed himself he declared to other natives on the beach that he had seen and had been challenged by a lone white barefooted figure of a female on an uninhabited island."

"The Tongan government officials were informed, and as it was evening they decided not to go and see what the apparition was until next day, in case it were some evil spirit."

Next day the officials went out in a boat to investigate, and, with fear and trepidation on their faces, landed on the old pilot station and discovered a fire with a tea kettle singing merrily, a looking-glass, and inside a hut, thumping her typewriter, Miss Grimshaw, the authoress, who was trying to find some land where no white man had ever tread.

"Alone on this island for some three days she braved the hot sun by day and the pale moon by night and many hundreds of mosquitoes and flies."

VEILED LADY WANTED.

Mysterious Woman Who Sold Sultan of Morocco's Diamond.

Mohammed, Tazi, who was sent to Paris to raise money on the jewels of the Sultan of Morocco, confided several articles of the collection, including a diamond necklace worth \$30,000, to a jeweller in the Rue de la Paix. While in the keeping of the jeweller, the necklace was stolen, without the jeweller leaving the slightest clue to their identity.

In his despair, Mohammed Tazi invoked the assistance of the government and the affair was placed in the hands of two of M. Hamard's shrewdest detectives. As a result of their researches, the missing necklace has been found, though not in the condition in which its custodian last saw it.

After its disappearance, it passed into the hands of some receiver, who broke the necklace into half a dozen pieces. These were recovered one by one at the shops of different dealers.

The pendant was composed of a magnificent single stone diamond, which had been removed from its setting, and sold separately. The hunt for this diamond was a long one, and the dealer in the Rue de la Paix, who had handed it to the police, explaining that it had been sold to him by a woman who was thickly veiled. The mysterious vendor gave a name and address that proved to be fictitious.

TRIPLE DUEL.

Tragic End of a Family Feud in Sicily.

A dispatch from Comitini in Sicily gives details of a tragic sequel to a long-standing quarrel between two families living in the little town. For generations past, it is stated, a fierce feud has raged between the Conti and Aleasi families, and finally they agreed that three members of each family should meet in duel, choosing for the rendezvous the chief square of Comitini.

Signor Conti with his two sons faced Signor Aleasi and two of his brothers in the presence of a large number of spectators, all eager to witness the duels, which were fought with pistols, did not last long, and within a few moments of the meeting M. Conti and two brothers of the Aleasi family fell dead. All the remaining three duellists sustained serious wounds.

The police force of Comitini consists of only two Carabinieri, neither of whom appeared on the spot until the whole affair was over, when they assisted in the work of removing the three bodies and conveying the wounded men to a neighboring house, where their injuries were attended to.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE BILL.

NOTICE is hereby given on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Victoria that application will be made in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next Session for a private Bill to amend, ratify and confirm the "Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1872," and the "Victoria Waterworks Amendment Act," Chapter 64 of the Statutes of 1882, and to make the following amendments and additions to such Act, and to consolidate the same with the following amendments:

To amend Section 2 of the Act of 1872, which enables the Corporation by a Commission to construct waterworks, by giving to such Commissioner power to manage and conduct and determine the use for any and every purpose to which any waters of the Corporation are put; In Section 3 of the Act of 1872, as amended by Section 3 of said Chapter 64 of 1882, to empower entry on and expropriation of Crown lands and expropriation of surplus works running to waste of any waterworks company, and of land in the water shed of any waterworks company, whether portion of the waterworks or not; To amend Section 7 of the said Act of 1872 to authorize the Corporation to take over and across the lands of the Crown and of the lands of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company at Comox, or in Esquimalt, and to construct necessary works for conducting such water across, over, or under any conduit, or pipe or other work of such Company;

To amend Section 10 by making the date for the annual return, therein directed to be made on the 15th January of the year following, be due on the 31st December for the year terminating on that date;

To amend Section 13 as amended by Section 4 of Chapter 64 of 1882, by repealing the same, and substituting therefor a new section giving power and authority to the Water Commissioner to make a special assessment of waterworks tax, and so that the same be assessed and levied on the basis of frontage along the water mains and branches thereof, or, in case of special benefit and advantage having regard to locality to fix a special tax or additional tax, or to fix the tax according to the relative assessed value taken from the Assessment Roll, with power to place a special or additional tax on vacant lands fronting or abutting on the water mains, or partly by each of these methods, or by two or more of all, and so that such tax shall be a charge on the land supplied, or cable of being supplied, and also the power to fix a water rental for water supplied, whether with or without water meter, or by estimation or otherwise, with power to the City to pass By-Laws levying the tax and approving and enforcing the rates, rentals and charges for the supply of water;

To amend Section 14, as amended by Section 5 of said Chapter 64 of 1882, by separating, on the passing of a By-Law to that effect by the Council, the waterworks monies from general revenue, and to require payment thereof into a separate Bank account, paying only to the City Treasurer's accounts, and the Council may, by resolution, direct;

To amend Section 27 of said Act of 1872 by giving to the Council authority to authorize contracts for the sale of water mains and plant used in the supply of water within the City or in adjoining municipalities to the Corporations of such municipalities, with power to contract with individuals, corporations, or other persons for the sale of any quantity of water or power produced by water within any outside municipality or outside the City, upon such terms as to supply and use and payment therefor as may be agreed upon by the Council, and with authority to any outside municipality with whom the Corporation may have made contract for supply, to levy a special assessment or rate for the payment of such water supply or power for the benefit of the Corporation, and with power to such Corporations to levy and collect such assessments of rates with the same remedies as the Corporation has within the City limits;

To amend Sections 28, 29 and 31 of said Act of 1872, and to substitute therefor power to the Corporation to borrow money upon the security of the waterworks taxes, rates, rentals and charges, and the general revenue of the waterworks system, or of waters belonging to the Corporation, or of waters under the guarantee of the city, and that the debt to be raised by such borrowing be secured by debentures issued under the authority of the Municipal Council and following Section 31 of the Municipal Clauses Act; To repeal Section 32 of the said Act of 1872, and to substitute therefor power to the Corporation to purchase in extinguishment, at a sum not exceeding the fair or nominal value of same, outstanding waterworks debentures out of the sinking fund set aside for the particular purpose, with a direction to Bankers and others holding the said sinking fund to give effect to this enactment;

To repeal Section 33 of said Act of 1872, and to substitute therefor Section 34 of said Act of 1872, as amended by Section 3 of said Chapter 64, by enabling the passing of a By-Law to give effect to Section 14 and by separating and paying all waterworks monies into an account with the Bankers of the Corporation, there to remain under the control of the Council, and that such funds shall, unless otherwise at any time hereafter directed by resolution of the Council, be expended on waterworks account alone, including sinking fund and interest on borrowed monies;

To add to Section 35 a proviso empowering the Corporation to give notice of action before any proceedings arising out of or in connection with the carrying out of the said Act; To repeal Section 36, 37 and 38 of said Act of 1872, and to enact that waterworks taxes, rates, rentals and assessments shall be due to the Corporation and collected as municipal taxes;

To give to the Corporation power to use or sell waters for producing any form of power, or for producing and generating and disposing of by sale or otherwise, heat and power, either within or without the City; that all powers, rights and privileges by any Act granted to the Corporation shall be applicable to the acquisition, use, disposal, supply and sale of waters for power purposes, and giving to the Corporation the following special powers:

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MASON & MANN, Solicitors to the Corporation of the City of Victoria. November 26th, 1907.

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KING EDWARD PUZZLED.

During the progress at the Highland Association bazaar in Glasgow a telegram was sent to the King in Gaelic informing His Majesty that it had been a great success. From Sandringham he following reply came:

The King appreciates your message being sent in Gaelic, but for convenience of reply, please send exact equivalent in English.

Private Secretary, Sandringham.

Thereupon the message was repeated in English, and later a second telegram was received from the King expressing pleasure at the success of the bazaar.

HAPPENINGS IN THE FAR EAST

CHINA IN THROES OF FINANCIAL FAMINE

Tokio Shaken by Severe Earthquake --Celestials to Train on British Warships.

Advices received by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Shinano Maru indicate that China is at the present time experiencing an unparalleled business stagnation, which has resulted in the closing of several business houses in Tien-tsin, Peking, Shanghai and other Chinese towns. Shanghai dispatches to Japanese papers state that many of the foremost Chinese merchants have announced that they will be forced to suspend payment in consequence of their heavy liabilities. The details given in these dispatches are meagre, but are sufficient to show that an unprecedented state of affairs is now existing.

Plague at Osaka.

From Osaka, Japan, come reports to the effect that the plague is still rampant in that port and quarantine regulations are of the strictest possible nature. New cases are being reported daily, but the authorities are optimistic and large sums of money are being spent in an endeavor to stamp out the scourge. Cholera is also prevalent and the daily average of plague and the other diseases is about ten cases.

Severe Earthquake Felt. Tokio papers state that a severe earthquake shock was felt in that city and in Yokohama recently. Many buildings rocked "like ships in a choppy sea," and considerable alarm was occasioned. The Yoruza, a vernacular paper, publishes a report on the earthquake, which lasted for nearly six minutes, given by Professor Amori, the famous seismologist, who says that it was sharper than the earthquake which shook Tokio on February 24th, last year. The maximum amplitude, as shown by the seismological recorder at Kanda, was 23 millimetres, being nearly double the maximum amplitude of the earthquake of last year. The sharpest tremor took place on June 30th, 1904, when the maximum amplitude was 71 millimetres.

New Dockyard Company. The Asahi publishes a telegram from Chemulpo which states that the prospectus of the Chemulpo Dockyard Company, which is being promoted by a syndicate including Messrs. Kawaguchi, Takeda, Sudo, Rikuzo, and Arai Yukuan, was issued recently. The dockyard is to be constructed near the naval coal depot at Wailuetau Island. The capital of the company is to be 3,000,000 yen, and work will be commenced when a quarter of this has been paid up.

Chinese Train on H. M. Warships. The Shanghai correspondent of the newspaper Munching cables that some Chinese Manchurian who were sent to the British cruiser Flora with a view to obtaining British naval training, will be given permission to attach themselves to various vessels of the British China squadron.

Sugar Monopoly Proposed. The Japanese financial situation continues to occupy the attention of the press, and it is reported from Tokio that the authorities concerned are again contemplating the establishment of a government sugar monopoly in or after the fiscal year 1909-10, as it is certain that the revenue will have to be increased by at least 100,000,000 yen. In view of some of the officials, the formation of the proposed monopoly should be the first step taken by the government to meet the expected increase of expenditure. Investigations are consequently being made as to the amount which could be obtained from the monopoly.

N. Y. K. Line's Profits. According to the Kobe Herald the report submitted at the half-yearly general meeting of Nippon Yusen Kaisha, or Japan Mail Steamship line, which was held recently, showed a net profit for that period of 1,158,787 yen. The Herald says: "It appears from the report that during the half-year the Kaisha employed on its home and foreign services eighty-one of its own vessels (364,000 tons), and nine placed in its charter (55,000 tons), in addition to some chartered vessels. The cargo carried reached 160,000,000 tons and the number of passengers was 340,000. The mileage covered by the Kaisha's vessels was 1,840,000, which is the greatest in its history. Owing, however, to the rise in the cost of working cargo and the fall of freight rates, the financial results were not so favorable as had been expected."

Trans-Siberian Railway. Japanese newspapers print a dispatch from Vladivostok, saying that the Siberian railway authorities will establish a monopoly in the passenger transport between Europe and the Far East in time for the tourist season next spring. In order to effect this purpose, they are making arrangements to run additional train regularly between Moscow and Vladivostok. The trains, with mail cars attached, will run between the two places in fourteen days. The charges for sleeping car accommodation will be lowered, and some special regulations will be made for the transport of large freight.

AUSTRALIA'S GOVERNOR-GENERAL. Lord Northcote is expected to return to Great Britain in June next on six months' leave of absence prior to relinquishing the office of Governor-General of the Commonwealth. Local opinion favors Lord Northcote's retention of office for a further term, but the names of Earl Carrington and Beauchamp are mentioned as possible successors. Lord Northcote has been Governor-General of the Australian Commonwealth since January 1904.

WILL AID NORTH.

Branch Line of White Pass & Yukon Will Assist Mining.

A. L. Berdoe, general manager of the White Pass & Yukon route, stated in an interview that the completion of the extension of the White Pass & Yukon to the copper camp will bring about a material reduction of the transportation of ore from the mines. At present the rates are high, and while Mr. Berdoe is not prepared to state what the reduction will be, he says it will be an appreciable one.

Mr. Berdoe states that his company will build bunkers at Skagway, of a capacity of 500 tons. He stated further that the building of the extensions, which, with spurs, will be about sixteen miles long, will be a great benefit to the northern camp and to Vancouver also, as it is from this city that all supplies are drawn.

GAS FROM REFUSE.

Dr. Scharschmidt Will Introduce Process on Yukon Steamers.

C. S. Eaton, western manager for the company interested in the process of manufacturing gas out of sawdust and other mill refuse, recently discovered by J. R. Coutts, a Canadian inventor, now resident in Cleveland, Ohio, is expected to arrive on the coast in a few days to investigate local conditions with a view to preparing estimates of the cost of building plants, and to the introduction of the process. Mr. Coutts, who has been to Victoria in the interest of his invention, is going to Seattle and Tacoma to explain the process to the gas companies and hopes to have it adopted in both cities.

FAMOUS SINGER DEAD.

Baroness Vigier, one world-famed as Sophie Cruvelli, the associate of Jenny Lind and Mme. Soutay at the Royal Italian Opera in London, has died at Nice, at the age of eighty-one.

She was born at Bielefeld, in Prussia, and appeared on the operatic stage at Venice, where she met with such an instantaneous success that she was speedily engaged for London. She was remarkable for her immense and fiery energy, which had not been tamed by good training, with the result that after being enthusiastically received in London she had to leave the stage in the arms of Jenny Lind, and Sophie Cruvelli's star waned.

In 1854 she was engaged as Valentine in "Les Huguenots" at the Paris Opera, and it is stated that Meyerbeer was so enchanted with her singing and acting that his last work, "L'Africain," was planned solely for her. Before he had time to write it, however, Mdle. Cruvelli married Baron Vigier, and retired from the stage.

MILLIONS LOST BY MARRIAGE.

An estate valued at more than twenty million dollars has been disposed of by the will of George C. Taylor, an eccentric American millionaire, the terms of whose bequest were made known in New York. More than a million dollars goes to charity, while fifteen nephews and nieces get a million dollars each. The remainder goes to his brothers and sisters.

Lena Head, his housekeeper's daughter, whom the millionaire had adopted as his daughter, gets nothing. Mr. Taylor having turned her out of his house in August, 1901, when she married his estate superintendent, Frederick William Bodley.

"Never shall Lena Head have one cent of my fortune," said Mr. Taylor when he heard the news. Let the girl enter my gates, or I shall order her into the street. She has done me irreparable injury, and henceforth I do not know her."

LONDON'S 31 PARKS.

Cover 5,000 Acres—An Outdoor Staff of 90 Men and Women.

One of the most useful activities of the London county council has been in the extension of the park system of the metropolis, which now includes, under the management of the council, nearly 5,000 acres. The acquisition and development has cost about \$5,500,000, and the annual charge for maintenance comes to \$565,000, which adds about a half penny in the pound to the rates, or about two-twentieths of 1 per cent. The cost includes the salaries or an outdoor staff of 948 men and women.

TORTURED DAY AND NIGHT.

Zam-Buk Cures Piles. That there is no end to the healing powers of Zam-Buk is being demonstrated every day. Mr. Julius Glaeser, of Denbigh, Ont., was tortured day and night with blind bleeding piles, so bad that he says: "I could find no comfort standing, sitting or lying down, and was unable to do any work." One day he even rested upon a little sample box of Zam-Buk. I picked it up and read the words, CURE PILLS. I started using Zam-Buk that night. Before I could purchase a large box I was already cured, and HAVE NOT BEEN TROUBLED SINCE. You may publish this if you wish for the benefit of other sufferers. This is only one of the many cases where Zam-Buk has healed piles when all else failed. Why do you go on suffering when such a splendid remedy is near at hand?

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A Celtic cross of Irish granite was the other day unveiled at Fontenoy in honor of the Irish soldiers who were killed at the battle of Fontenoy, in 1747.

NOTICES IN THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE

Timber Railway Near Nanaimo—Companies Incorporated and Appointments Made.

A timber railway is proposed to be built near Nanaimo from the E. & N. line, about 500 yards north of the Comox wagon road crossing in Newcastle township, thence following the old East Vancouver railroad right-of-way or nearly so, until it reaches the government gazetted wagon road in Mountain district, thence in a northwesterly direction for a mile, more or less, for the purpose of hauling lumber, logs, ores, minerals or other materials; with authority also to construct, equip, maintain and operate branches from any point on the proposed line.

The notice that an act of incorporation will be sought at the next session of the legislature appears in this week's Gazette. F. B. Gregory is the solicitor for the applicants.

The Gazette contains notice also of the following appointments:

Henry Aston Wilkes, of Fernie, and Alexander C. Murray, of Michel, to be coronors in and for the Fernie electoral district.

Alexander C. Murray, of Michel, to be a Justice of the peace in and for the province of British Columbia.

The following companies have been incorporated:

The British Canadian Wood Pulp & Paper Company, Limited, with a capital of \$1,000,000, to acquire the patent rights of I. C. W. Stanley in machines for the purpose of disintegrating wood for the manufacture of pulp or paper, also his secret process for making pulp from sawdust, and to acquire certain lands on Howe Sound and to carry on all the business of a pulp and paper manufacturing, under the Companies' Act.

The Sno-Hoah Water, Light & Power Company, Limited, with a capital of \$25,000 to carry on the business of a power company within the meaning of part 4 of the Water Clauses Consolidation Act.

The Columbia River Timber & Transportation Company, Limited, with a capital of \$50,000 to carry on business as timber merchants, sawmill proprietors, and to acquire and operate steamers, tugs, etc.

The Sims Timber Company, Limited, with a capital of \$250,000 to carry on the business of cutting and getting out logs, piles and other timber, and to manufacture all timber products.

The Chilliwack Manufacturing Company, Limited, with a capital of \$15,000 to carry on business as timber merchants, sawmill proprietors, etc.

Port Douglas Lumber & Trading Co., Limited, with a capital of \$100,000 to build and operate sawmills and to carry on the business of timber merchants, etc.

Queen Charlotte Islands Development & Mining Company, with a capital of \$100,000.

The Moyle Rochdale Co-operative Association is formed under the Co-operative Associations Act, to carry on a general co-operative business dealing in clothing and supplies of all kinds.

Court Wardener, No. 1,057, Canadian Order of Foresters are incorporated under the provisions of the Benevolent Societies Act.

YOUTHFUL ASSASSIN.

Cousin of Ravachol Kills and Robs an Old Woman.

A dreadful murder was committed near St. Etienne by two boys named Ravachol and Arnaud, aged respectively 17 and 13. The former is a cousin of the notorious Anarchist who was guillotined some years ago.

The two boys, who were already old in crime, knocked at the house of Firminy and asked for food. They were refused, and, ostensibly, went on to the village. In reality, however, they lurked about the premises until they saw Mme. Cardy, the farmer's wife, who was alone, whereupon they knocked again at the door and demanded wine.

The old woman again refused. Upon that the elder of the two boys drew his revolver, and fired twice at her point blank. The woman fell previously wounded, and the young assassin at once dispatched her with his knife.

The younger boy, frightened at the sight of the dead woman, started to run away, but his companion pursued him, and having caught him, forced him to join in robbing the victim's house.

The two youthful ruffians were arrested an hour or two afterwards by the landowners, who found them quite unconcernedly eating a hearty meal at the inn. "We were determined to have money somehow," was Ravachol's statement when he was being handcuffed.

BRITAIN NEVER SO RICH.

And Never Were There so Many Paupers.

A remarkable story of the progress of the United Kingdom during the past fifteen years is supplied in a volume of nearly 400 pages, called the Statistical Abstract, issued by the Stationery office.

In fifteen years the British Isles have added to their population more than the total inhabitants of the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland. For every sovereign's worth of produce sent abroad in 1892 the country now sends \$24 worth, and for every pound that was then spent for imports \$28.8 is now sent. The income and expenditure have alike grown in an unequalled degree.

Never before were Britons so rich; never before had the country so many paupers. The persons in receipt of relief have become more numerous by an addition of 138,000.

CHURCH AS READING ROOM.

Mme. Jacquemin brought an action in the Paris law courts against the head of the church of St. Eustache for ejecting her from the church. It appears she began to read a newspaper there, and the court decided that churches are not intended to be used as reading rooms, and acquitted the head.

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NAVAL DISASTER RECALLED.

One day last month was the two hundredth anniversary of one of the great disasters in British naval annals, and of the death of Admiral Sir Cloudesley Shovell, who is sometimes, but incorrectly, called the "Shoemaker Admiral." He was returning from the Mediterranean, where he had been commander-in-chief for two years, in his flagship, the Association. That vessel, together with the Eagle and the Romney, and some 5,000 souls, were all lost on the rocks off the Scilly Isles.

Shovell was one of the quartette of famous admirals, including Nelson, Narborough and Mynes, who were all natives of Norfolk. Narborough and Shovell were both born in the same parish, that of Cockthorpe, and Mynes was born at Southwold, near by.

The old fable as to Shovell being of humble parentage, and starting life as assistant to a cobbler, was exploded some 20 years ago, and it is now known that he was sent into the sea service at the age of 13, under Sir Christopher Mynes, being entered according to the custom of the time as admiral's servant. His rise in the service was not unduly rapid. He reached flag rank at the age of forty, and died at the age of 51.

His body was found buried in sand

in a cove on the shores of St. Mary, stripped of clothing and jewelry. The body was conveyed to London and buried in Westminster Abbey, and a monument was erected to his memory. A contemporary Dutch chronicler wrote of him:

"His covetousness goes beyond reason, and his courage beyond the bounds of good conduct. He eats and drinks pretty much with the Dutch, and is generally beloved amongst the sailors for his familiar conversation with them."

TORTURED FOR FIVE DAYS.

The Russian police have just reported a shocking episode of barbarity perpetrated at Pippesch, a village some twenty miles from Kieff. A man said to be a horse thief was tortured for five days and nights in an outlying barn. His eyes were gouged out, apparently with red hot nails, and not an inch of flesh on the body was spared, the last drop of blood being squeezed out, and then the body was thrown into a hole in the ground, and the poor wretch left to rot there.

The second of his kind in America is the picture-house of a woman named 1,000 Gashes at Lowell, Mass., said to be a ghastly structure, with a half-bait golden-dome and two golden towers.

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SHOCKED SOCIALISTS.

Their Disciples Degenerate Into
Bandits.

Ominous signs of the futurity of undisciplined Socialism come from Loda, where the Polish party of Socialists was a year back the most powerful in the country. Not only were their candidates for the Duma rejected by their disciples, the working men, but the party itself has sounded its death-knell. It has issued a manifesto, of which the following sentences are the most important:

It has come to us, the revolutionary faction of the Polish party of Socialists, that our adherents have degenerated into ordinary bandits. We have, it is true, about 6,000 faithful members left, and our monthly income still exceeds 1,500 roubles (\$750). But the rest have taken upon themselves to employ the weapons we gave them for the most shameful purposes, for common crimes and hideous acts of banditism and lawlessness.

Thanks to this terribly sudden change, which we are unable to prevent, and to these crimes, which we are impotent to restrain, our party has ceased to serve the noble purpose for which it was formed—to war against capitalism and the Russian knout. We therefore dissolve this party, by the present act, operation.

It is not stated what is to become of the monthly income of \$750, some of which is known to be derived from sums placed in the principal banks under cover of private names.

HYMNOSTIZED HERSELF.

A young woman who went to a London hospital to have five teeth extracted went through a remarkable experience.

The anaesthetic decided upon was ethyl chloride, and this was administered in the usual way. An indiarubber cap is placed over the patient's mouth and nostrils, and connected with it is a bag into which a sealed capsule of ethyl chloride is introduced. By the turning of a screw from the outside the capsule is broken, and the anaesthetic liberated.

The screw was turned, and the patient went off gradually into the usual condition of insensibility. The teeth were extracted, and the patient awoke without having felt any part of the operation. Only when the young woman had left the room, and the apparatus was being made ready for another patient, was it discovered that the capsule of ethyl chloride had by some mischance not been broken at all.

The condition of insensibility had been brought about by the self-hypnotism of the patient.

DIVORCE IN TWO MINUTES.

A record suit, in which divorce was applied for and granted in two minutes, has occurred at New Plymouth, New Zealand. The divorce was asked on the ground of failure to comply with an order for the restitution of conjugal rights. The following dialogue took place between the judge and the petitioner:

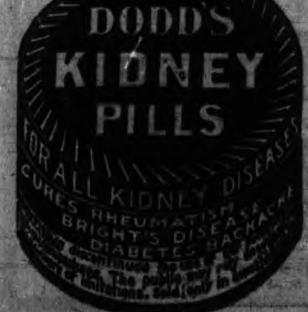
Your name?—Arthur John Taylor.

You are the petitioner?—Yes.

Your wife has not returned to you?—No.

And you want your divorce?—Yes.

Well, you can have it.



ENGLISHMEN AT BANQUET TABLE

VERY PLEASANT TIME
SPENT LAST NIGHT

Sons of England Gathered at the
Victoria Hotel and Enjoy-
ed Reunion.

The local societies of the Sons of England, Alexandra Lodge and Pride of the Island Lodge, celebrated the anniversary of the society in a fitting way last evening when a delightful banquet was given in the Victoria hotel.

There was a splendid dinner served, over one hundred sitting down. Occupying the seat of the presiding officer was Bro. G. Jay, president of the Alexandra Lodge, who filled the position as he explained in the absence of Colonel Prior.

Seated on either side were Bro. S. Doncaster, district deputy of the order; Capt. Clive Phillips-Wolley and Bro. Richard Hall and Bro. Lewis Hall.

Among others present were the following: Officers of Alexandra Lodge—W. P. Allen, past president; A. E. Kent, vice-president; J. Critchley, secretary; R. Dinsdale, treasurer; W. H. Clayards, first committeeman. Officers of Pride of the Island Lodge—J. F. Wheeler, president; H. O. Savage, vice-presi-

dent; H. T. Galvin, secretary; W. Norman, treasurer; C. Sanderson, chaplain; T. Barnes, first committeeman. Others were: E. H. Riddell, A. W. Knight, W. Adams, H. O. Savage, T. G. Targett, J. H. Owen, George Pauline, C. Dinsdale, G. Palmer, J. Chadwick, G. Loddam, B. Clarke, C. Hine, T. E. Burke, S. Thompson, J. Bell, B. Hayward, O. H. Nelson, A. Blythe, W. Wilson Bawa, A. Mudge, R. Graham, H. Norman, J. Waters, J. Wallis, J. Peterson, Thomas Cooper, C. E. Thomas, R. P. Clark, Arthur Berwick, Alfred J. Thomas, W. H. Roberts, G. Piddin, J. C. Hill, Jas. Palmer, A. H. Jones, W. C. Samuel, George Fish, T. Barnes, W. R. Mallen-

der, J. Mason, C. Johnson, G. H. Savage, F. W. Thomas, T. Marshall, H. Brickland, Edward Heatherly, G. H. Swardrick, G. W. Bailey, H. Shandley, James Kay, W. Appleby, M. A. Thomas, R. Harrison and W. Ridgeway-Wilson.

During the evening a telegram was read from Colonel Prior, dated from Sicamous, as follows: "Very sorry not to be with you to-night. Wish you a jolly banquet. Take a cigar all round with me."

On motion a message was sent in reply.

President Jay also offered excuses from Bro. Hussey, superintendent of provincial police, who had been called away, and Bro. Capt. Griffin, who was absent on duty.

A fraternal meeting was sent to Vancouver lodge during the evening also.

After dinner had been disposed of a toast list was proceeded with.

"The King," proposed by the chairman, Bro. Jay, which was responded to by the singing of "God Save the King."

This was appropriately followed by a song, "The Veteran's Song," well rendered by C. Johnson. A hearty encore was followed by "The Yeoman of England."

As the hour was getting late the president ruled that no further encores should be allowed, but in spite of it several of the singers acquitted themselves so well that additional songs were required of them.

The toast to the "Army and Navy" was proposed by Bro. H. Clayards, who said the record of both services was fresh in the minds of all. A visit to the old cathedrals in the Motherland showed tattered colors won on many hard fought fields. It brought glorious memories to recall the deeds of both services. He charged them to drink to the health of "Our glorious army and our indomitable navy."

"Rule Britannia" was sung as the toast was drunk.

Capt. Wolley in rising to respond was greeted with loud applause. He referred to Capt. Percy Scott's statement that paint seemed more important than gun practice, by saying he would reverse this in his instance as he had a banquet, but they would accept him as the farmer, which he was.

It was always said that the army was never ready; but when occasion arose they did their work. In South Africa it took them some time to get into it, but they did their work.

"But whatever might be said of the army," said Capt. Wolley, "the sea is the sea was, and the sea always will be England's own."

The speaker said he began as an Englishman, and every day he thanked God he was an Englishman.

The navy was the most important subject to consider. He felt Canada did not realize how important the navy was. Canada had on the seas \$200,000,000 worth of property. The neglect of the navy jeopardized this. Without assisting in the maintenance of the navy, Canadians were parasites, which was not an enviable position to occupy. If Canada took its chances in this they were gamblers. The New York Times had rebuked the Navy League of this city for proposing a nucleus of a navy in view of the Monroe doctrine. "From whom do we ask protection?" asked Capt. Wolley. "Were we not the sea's masters? Was not Nelson not the sea's master?"

We do not want the protection of the Monroe doctrine. If New York did not like the movement for a Canadian navy, New York can be 4-4-4.

He pleaded for Anglo exclusion because British Columbia was won by Britishers, and he did not want it to be set apart for Asiatic bachelors.

"If the boys will only stand behind me, we will yet have a navy of our own and make the Tankers sit up," concluded Capt. Wolley.

Capt. Ridgeway Wilson, asked also to respond, said he would speak for the army and of the service, and he pressed upon all Canadians to help recruit the militia of the city.

Bro. A. Haynes, in proposing the toast of the Sons and Daughters of England, said that he considered this really the toast of the evening. He admonished the Sons of England to assist one another

and aid in every good work. The daughters had to take their part.

J. Critchley, responding, said that he felt highly honored. The decision of the society was traced to the fact that several Englishmen had been refused work in Toronto many years ago. The organization had had a vigorous growth.

The society represented the heart of the nation. The society was a wealthy one, with 21,000 in Canada. The English nation had its strength from the fact that it maintained religious and civil liberty. It was up to the city of Victoria to maintain a Navy League and a lifeboat crew.

When good advice was wanted it was John Bull that was appealed to. When Japan considered the question of attacking the Russian fleet it was to John Bull she went, and John Bull said: "Sit 'em!"

Dr. Geo. Hall proposed the toast of the "Land We Live In." As a native Canadian he said he had always been proud of the land he was born in. The growth of the nation had been marvellous. Many Americans were coming into Canada, and the sons of the United States had changed as they saw a rival in Canada. England had built well. The United States built well, but Canada must build better.

"The Maple Leaf" was sung by the gathering.

Bro. Doncaster, responding, said that he felt proud of Canada from the day he first came here. Some came here for fortune, some for homes and some for wives. He found all here. He was glad to go home to England for a holiday, but he wanted to live in British Columbia. Victoria looked good to him.

The toast of the Mayor and Council was proposed by Bro. Richard Hall and responded to by Bro. Lewis Hall, of the city council.

The Press was proposed by Bro. R. Dinsdale, and the toast was honored also.

There was a splendid programme of music interspersed with the speeches. Among those who sang were—Bro. C. Jones, Bro. Doncaster, Bro. B. Johnson, Bro. Owen, Mr. Loveland, Bro. Shandley and R. Clarke, whose comic numbers were rendered in excellent style.

Bro. Haynes contributed violin music, and a young son of Bro. R. Dinsdale also rendered a violin solo in excellent style. He was introduced as a native son, but a future Son of England.

The singing of "God Save the King" brought the gathering to a close at an early hour this morning.

TAKING VOTE IN OAK BAY TO-MORROW

Important By-Law Is Being Submitted Looking to Acquiring Water Front Lots.

To-morrow the Oak Bay property-owners will vote on the question of acquiring water front lots and other by-laws which are submitted.

On July 24th last the Pemberton estate offered to sell to the municipality water front blocks A and B, section 23, being the land lying between the public road to the south of the Oak Bay hotel and the sea, containing three and a quarter acres, for the sum of \$8,000, and at the same time to donate all the water front from Turkey Head southward as far as Mr. Newton's house, being blocks C, D and E, section 23, on condition that the owners of lots 16B, 16C and 16D, block F, section 22, on Shoal Bay, should donate these lots to the municipality.

Messrs. Rattenbury and Oliver, joint owners of the last named lots, agreed to this condition, with a view to facilitate the above purchase.

Mr. Rattenbury subsequently withdrew his promise to donate his half interest.

The Pemberton estate, however, agreed to continue their offer to the municipality notwithstanding Mr. Rattenbury's withdrawal.

The position now is that if the municipality pays to the Pemberton estate the sum of \$8,000 it will become the owners of water front blocks A, B, C, D and E, section 23, on Oak Bay, and hold a half undivided interest in the lots 16B, 16C and 16D, block F, section 22, at Shoal Bay.

The policy of the council has been to preserve to the public as much land, especially on the water front, as possible, and if this purchase is approved by the electors the municipality will own all the land between the road and the sea on Oak Bay from Mr. Philip's house to the north of the Oak Bay hotel to Mr. Newton's house on the south, which includes six separate beaches. Second, all the land between the road and the sea on Shoal Bay from the turn of the road at the corner of the bay to Transit Road, the east corner and a half interest in three lots lying between the road and the sea on the east side of Shoal Bay including McNeill Bay, McNeill Peninsula and the beach to the north of McNeill Peninsula.

The property proposed to be purchased for \$8,000 on Oak Bay contains one and a half acres.

If the electors approve the purchase of this land it is proposed to build in the front a hall that in the meantime may be used as a school house, and at the back the municipal stables, pound, etc. Some land and buildings are absolutely required, if for no other purpose, as space for keeping the municipality's wagons, teams, machines and tools.

The council considers the purchase of both properties most advisable and the price to be paid very reasonable.

It must be borne in mind that the acquisition of blocks C, D and E, section 23, on Oak Bay, and the half interest in lots 16B, 16C and 16D, block F, section 22, at Shoal Bay, depends on the purchase of blocks A and B, section 23. If the last named property is not purchased, then the first named property is not donated.

The loan has already been arranged on the most favorable terms, namely: For the property, \$8,000 at 5 per cent, for 20 years, and for the buildings, \$2,000 at 4 per cent, for 10 years.

LATEST DREADNOUGHT.

Launch of the Superb, Which Is to Cost \$3,750,000.

The first-class battleship Superb, a vessel of the improved Dreadnought type, was recently launched from Elswick shipyard (Armstrongs, Whitworth & Co., Limited), Newcastle, by Lady Anne Lambton, in the presence of a huge crowd, who cheered enthusiastically as the great ship moved smoothly down the slip.

The Superb is 490 feet long, 32 feet beam, and has a displacement of 18,000 tons, against the Dreadnought's 17,000. She will be fitted with turbines engines, developing 25,000 indicated horse power, and a speed of 21 knots.

The main armament consists of ten 12-inch breech-loading guns, 27 12-pounder quick-firing guns, and five submerged torpedo tubes.

An arrangement of the 12-inch guns is introduced to enable eight of these pieces to be fired astern, as well as broadside. The main armor belt has a maximum thickness of 11 inches, tapering to six at the fore, and four at the aft part of the vessel. Special attention has been given to safeguarding the ship from destruction by under water explosion.

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At a luncheon which followed, Sir Andrew Noble, chairman of the building firm, said the Superb was the seventh vessel of that name which had appeared on the Royal Navy list, and her displacement was greater than the combined displacement of her predecessors of the same name.

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The other vessels of the same class as the Superb are the Bellerophon, completing at Portsmouth, and the Temeraire, at Devonport.

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DANGEROUS RELIC OF THE WAR

While walking on the wharf near Jacobus, Orange River Colony, a soldier named Apolgrin noticed a bunch of thin wires protruding from the ground. He attempted to pull them out, when an explosion occurred, and he was seriously injured. It is supposed that the explosive was placed there during the war.

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IVANHOE IS FINE TUG.

Further details concerning the launch on Monday last of the fine tug Ivanhoe, built at the Wallace shipyard for G. I. Wilson, of Vancouver, appear in the Vancouver News-Advertiser, which says:

This new steamer was christened the "Ivanhoe," and is of the following dimensions: Length 110 feet, beam 21 feet 5 inches, depth 10' 11". Her machinery is of the triple expansion type, being 10"x17"x28"x20" stroke, and steam will be supplied by a Scotch marine boiler 10x11 feet, carrying 180 pounds of steam.

The hull has been built by the Wallace Shipyard, Limited, while the machinery and boiler have been supplied by the McKie & Baxter Company of Glasgow, Scotland. The boiler was discharged from the White Funnel liner Oanfa on Monday afternoon and placed in position on the Ivanhoe.

The Ivanhoe has been built for the purpose of doing all classes of towing, such as logs, barges, etc., and with her

large power will be one of the best tugs on the coast. She has also been built in accordance with the rules and regulations of shipbuilding of Lloyd's, and the building of the hull and machinery has been under the inspection and control of Lloyd's surveyors here and in Scotland.

A complete electric light plant will be part of the equipment of this new tug as well as a steam towing machine, imported from England. The time honored custom of christening the vessel with champagne was performed by Mrs. J. B. Allen, daughter of Mr. Wilson. Mr. Wilson is president of the Coast Steamship Company, Limited, owners of the steamers Fingal, Clanman and the new steamer Celtic.

LAST NIGHT'S GALE.

A heavy gale, which blew in the city at a velocity of over 32 miles an hour, prevailed during the night, accompanied by heavy downpours of rain. The gale, warnings of which were displayed by the local meteorological office, commenced yesterday afternoon, and gradually increased until midnight, from which time it blew steadily at the velocity given above for several hours. The wind was from a northeasterly direction at first, but slowly bore around to the southwest.

At Nanaimo a southerly gale was reported, while Victoria was being swept by a gale from the northeast. The precipitation, up to five o'clock last evening was one and a half inches. The barometer at midnight had fallen to 29.10.

The Boston Towboat steamship Shawmut, after reaching quarantine this morning, put into the Royal Roads until noon, awaiting a moderation of the wind. The heavy gale prevented the rapid discharge of the Shinano Maru's freight, and the Japanese liner did not get away to Seattle this morning as expected.

Last night's trip from Seattle was reported by the officers of the Princess Royal to be rougher than the vessel had experienced this season on the ferry route.

REPORTS FROM WEST COAST.

The recent action of the Dominion government in taking over the West Coast telegraph service has led to numerous requests from local shipping men for regular ship reports to be furnished by the signalling stations at Cape Beale and Carmanah, and the authorities have the matter under consideration. A suggestion has been made by Capt. Gaudin, agent of the marine and fisheries department, in a letter addressed to Mr. Henderson, superintendent of the telegraph service, that regular reports be obtained from the West Coast operators, and that these reports be bulletined in the post office building. In the case of steamships wishing reports to be sent to owners or agents the rule followed in the Old Country can be observed and regular charges made for such services. While it is improbable that anything will be done along these lines for some time it is understood that a service of shipping reports will eventually be established for the convenience of those interested.

BAD WEATHER DELAYS WORK.

The steamship Cascade was unable to get away yesterday afternoon on time by the new light for the marine and fisheries department on Lewis Reef, Baynes Channel, in Oak Bay, owing to the heavy weather. The reef only uncovers at low tide, and, as the present stone structure is to be strengthened and enlarged in order to receive a large light, work in the present heavy weather would be impossible. The Cascade will commence work as soon as the wind moderates.

Lewis Reef, where the light is to replace the present stone beacon, is situated opposite Fiddle Reef. It is well known as the menace to navigation on which the Princess Victoria hung up over a year ago. The steamer Oscar was also fast on the reef on a previous occasion.

MARCELLUS CHARTERED.

Announcement is made by Jensen & Ostrander that the firm has secured the steamship Marcellus, 2,438 tons, operating between Seattle and the Orient, thus bringing the number of its fleet to nine. Two of the ships announced as under charter are to carry lumber to Panama and the balance are in the North China trade. The Marcellus is due to San Francisco to-morrow with coal and will proceed to Seattle and load wheat for the Far East.

SAYS WRECK IS OREGON.

Capt. Harry M. Ramwell, of the American Tugboat Company, of Everett, states as his belief that the wreckage found recently on Montague Island, Alaska, is not that of the lost steamship Discovery, but more likely the remains of the steamship Oregon.

The Discovery left Yakutat Bay five years ago for Seattle and was never heard of since. Montague Island is about 60 miles from Yakutat Bay, which was the last stopping place of the Discovery

on her way to Seattle. Her course lay in an almost opposite direction from Montague Island. Even if she had been blown across the open stretch of sea, which is highly improbable, the vessel, in his opinion, would have struck on the east side of the island and not on the west.

It has always been the captain's theory that the Discovery was wrecked in Lituya Bay, down the coast from Yakutat Bay. The Indians, he says, declare that they saw the ill-fated ship founder there.

NEW LIFEBOAT EXPECTED.

The new motor lifeboat for the Banfield Creek station will probably reach Victoria during the next three or four days. The lifeboat arrived at Seattle on the Northern Pacific line a few days ago, and as the company holds a contract to deliver it to the marine and fisheries department in this port, the matter of transportation from Seattle is left for the railroad officials to settle.

The difficulty in shipping a craft like the lifeboat is no small one, as it is far too large to be brought over on the regular daily steamships. It is probable that the boat will be kept on the car, taken to Port Guichon and ferried to Sidney, from which point it will be brought here on the V. & S.

According to present arrangements the lifeboat will be given its initial test shortly after it arrives, as the marine and fisheries department is intending to send it to Banfield under its own power.

HALDIS WILL TAKE RISKS.

Lying in Salmon Bay, at the entrance to Ballard, the Norwegian steamer Haldis, which took a cargo of lumber and shingles to the big shingle town from Mosquito Harbor, is discharging her deck load by lighters, so that an attempt can be made to take the ship into Ballard harbor.

The Haldis will be the largest ship to ever attempt such a feat, and the chances of her success are, according to local mariners, very slight. The Haldis is 265 feet long, and there is danger of her getting ashore in some of the short turns of the devious entrance to the harbor. She may be forced to discharge all of her cargo by lighters in case Capt. Solberg decides the risks of entering the port are too great. The Haldis was built in 1902 at Sunderland.

IROQUOIS AGROUND.

On Tuesday night, while on the way from Vancouver to Seattle, the steamship Iroquois got several miles off her course and mistook the lights, the result being that she ran into a mud bank on Lumby Island. She got off in the afternoon at high tide and landed her passengers at Bellingham. The Iroquois returned to Vancouver. She was not damaged.

YACHT DRIFTS IN GALE.

During the heavy gale which prevailed last night the yacht Jubilee, owned by Mr. Gibbs, manager of the Imperial Bank, dragged her anchor and drifted from her moorings, near the soap works, into the harbor. The Jubilee was taken in tow by a motor launch during the forenoon and restored to her accustomed place.

SHAWMUT BRINGS JAPS.

Thirty-two Japanese and four Europeans landed from the Boston Towboat Company's steamship Shawmut, Capt. E. V. Roberts, which arrived in port to-day from the Orient. The big liner came up to quarantine early to-day,

but sheltered from the heavy wind in the Royal Roads until noon, when she came alongside the outer wharf.

The Shawmut left Yokohama the day before the Empress of Japan sailed, and made a good passage, fair weather prevailing until Wednesday last, when the steamship ran into a succession of heavy gales. For the past week the weather was disagreeable, but the Shawmut made good time, and was only a few hours behind time in arriving.

Only a small cargo is stowed away in the Shawmut's holds, amounting to about 3,000 tons. Of this 150 tons are being landed here. The freight included 100 bales of silk, consigned to firms in the United States.

Following is a list of the Shawmut's saloon passengers: J. Asano, Miss M. Bakenhus, Miss M. Clothier, Mrs. Z. C. B. Corryell, G. F. Curtis, W. A. Derham, Miss F. A. Drog, Dr. D. B. Harvill, Miss C. Post, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Heath, L. Henkel, Jr., K. Ishida, Mrs. S. E. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Keenan, E. A. Alenze, G. V. La Farge, Mrs. W. Lassiter, J. MacLellan, Mrs. H. M. and Master E. G. Manning, Mrs. J. Moss, C. G. Miner, Dr. and Mrs. A. T. Post, Miss C. Post, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Saltsch, Mrs. L. S. Schenck, S. Schmad, E. H. Swinley, G. I. Vaughn, Mrs. J. A. and Miss C. C. Wagner, Mrs. T. A. Williams, C. Wilson and T. B. Zwolniski.

MAUDE RECOVERS CHAIN.

A message received by the local marine agent from Capt. Anderson, of the steamship Maude, states that sixty fathoms of chain out of the 180 fathoms that was lost when the Sandheads' lights broke from her moorings on Saturday last, have been recovered.

MARINE NOTES.

The N. Y. K. steamship finished discharging her local cargo this afternoon and left for the Sound.

The British ship Sleeve Roe is lying in the Royal Roads awaiting a crew.

The Norwegian steamship Halvard was launched from the ways at the Victoria Machinery Depot this morning and was surveyed by Lloyd's surveyor, Mr. Mitchell, during the day. She will proceed to Seattle to load for the Orient under charter to Jensen & Ostrander.

The R. F. Rithet arrived in port yesterday afternoon from the Fraser, bringing a large load of hay. The Rithet experienced a fresh sea coming across the Straits, but reached port before the heavy gale sprang up.

When the Holt liner Oanfa sails for Liverpool on Christmas day she will have included in her cargo 28,000 cases of salmon and 120,000 feet of lumber.

The Canadian Pacific steamship Montague sailed to-day for the Orient, carrying a large cargo amounting to 5,000 tons. The Montague took back a number of Hindus who came over on her and were rejected by the immigration authorities.

The steamship Governor passed Point Grey this morning at 8 o'clock, bound for Vancouver.

NEWSPAPER OFFICE GUTTED.

Killarney Guide Completely Destroyed For Second Time in Seven Years.

Killarney, Man., Dec. 12.—Fire broke out in the premises of the Killarney Guide at 4 o'clock this morning and completely destroyed the building and plant. The origin of the fire is not known.

The staff did not leave the office until 2 o'clock when everything appeared to be all right. The loss is a serious one to J. H. Montelth the publisher, all his books, accounts, mail and subscription lists, being burned. He estimates their loss at \$2,500 and the insurance is \$5,000. The building was owned by Dr. White, and the loss is about \$5,000. This is the second time the Guide has been burned out within seven years. Mr. Montelth is already making preparations to start again, just as soon as he can get a new plant.

It is generally supposed that the grey parrot is the best speaker, next to man. This is not the case. The "mesiah," an Indian bird, excels all others in its imitative powers.

GERMAN AIRSHIP RECORDS.

Eight Hours' Sailing at 28 Miles an Hour.

Germany's two military airships, the Gross and Parseval vessels, surpassed all previous records by sailing across and around the province of Brandenburg for continuous periods of respectively eight hours and ten minutes and seven hours and a half. Except for the performance of Count Zeppelin's giant craft at the end of September, no other airships have ever accomplished such feats.

The vessels attained an average speed of over twenty-eight miles an hour at an altitude of 45 feet, part of the time in the teeth of strong southwesterly winds. Throughout their long trips, which lasted from a quarter past ten in the morning until half-past six at night, both vessels executed every conceivable sort of steering maneuvers, the mechanism fulfilling its functions in every case without the least hitch.

STEAMERS FROZEN IN LAKE LADOGA.

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The Chartered Bank of British Columbia is being formed to meet in part the increased banking accommodation required by the natural and steady expansion of business, coincident with the great development of the country and especially of British Columbia, and, while organizing to conduct a general banking business, will give special consideration to the industries and commerce of the Province, and is being established primarily for this purpose, and through its connections in Great Britain, the United States and Eastern Canada, it will be able to greatly facilitate the investment of outside capital in the various enterprises of the Province.

British Columbia, with its great wealth of raw material in timber and minerals, largely developed, with its opportunities for cattle ranching, mixed farming and fruit growing, with its fisheries and its increasing maritime trade with the Orient, Australia, Mexico and South America, and, above all, in the approaching development of its vast Central Northern Interior and Vancouver Island by railway constructions will be immensely benefited by the establishment of a Chartered Bank, having its Chief Office in the Province and controlled by a Board of Directors entirely familiar with the resources and the needs of the country, whose names alone are a guarantee for the success of the undertaking.

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Montreal	\$100	\$235 10
Commerce	\$100	\$160 8
Nova Scotia	\$100	\$279 12
British	\$100	\$155 7
Merchants	\$100	\$156 8
Dominion	\$100	\$220 12
Toronto	\$100	\$202 10
Royal	\$100	\$225 10
Hamilton	\$100	\$135 10
Traders	\$100	\$125 7
Imperial	\$100	\$198 11
Standard	\$100	\$213 12
Molson	\$100	\$190 10
East Townships	\$100	\$156 8
Ottawa	\$100	\$218 10

The actual returns of existing Canadian Banking Institutions to shareholders, after setting aside a portion of the yearly earnings as a "Reserve Fund," or "Rest Account," have ranged for the past ten years from 6 to as high as 12 per cent. per annum, and payable half-yearly.

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THE RIDDLE OF THE IVY

By G. H. Chesterton in the London Daily News.

More than a month ago, when I was leaving London for a holiday, a friend walked into my flat in Battersea and found me surrounded with half packed luggage. "You seem to be off on your travels," he said. "Where are you going?"

"With a strap between my teeth I replied, 'To Battersea.' "The wife of your remark," he said, "wholly escapes me."

"I am going to Battersea," I repeated. "To Battersea via Paris, Belfort, Heidelberg, and Frankfurt. My remark contained no wit. It contained simply the truth. I am going to wander over the whole world until once more I find Battersea."

"Some where in the seas of sunset or of sunrise, somewhere in the ultimate archipelago of the earth, there is one little island which I wish to find; an island with low green hills and great white cliffs. Travellers tell me that it is called England (Scottish travellers tell me that it is called Britain), and there is a rumor that somewhere in the heart of it there is a beautiful place called Battersea."

"I suppose it is unnecessary to tell you," said my friend, with an air of intellectual compassion, "that this is Battersea?"

"Quite unnecessary," I said, "and it is spiritually untrue. I cannot see any Battersea here; I cannot see any London or any England. I cannot see that door. I cannot see that chair; because a cloud of sleep and custom has come across my eyes. The only way to get back to them is to go somewhere else; and that is the real object of my travels, and the real pleasure of holidays. Do you suppose that I go to France in order to see France? Do you suppose that I go to Germany in order to see Germany? I shall enjoy them both; but it is not them that I am seeking. I am seeking Battersea."

The whole object of travel is not to get foot on foreign lands; it is at last to get foot on one's own country as a foreign land. Now I warn you that this Gladstone bag is compact and heavy, and that if you utter that word "paradox" I shall hurl it at your head. I did not make it paradoxical. It is not my fault it is the truth, that the only way to go to England is to go away from it."

But when after only a month's travelling I did come back to England I was startled to find that I had told the exact truth. England did break on me at once beautifully new and beautifully old. To land at Dover is the right way to approach England (and things that are hatched are right), for then you see first the full, soft gardens of Kent, which are, perhaps, an exaggeration, but still a typical exaggeration, of the rich rusticity of England. As it happened also a fellow-traveller with whom I had fallen into conversation felt the same freshness, though for another cause. She was an American lady who had seen Europe, and she expressed her enthusiasm in that simple and splendid way which is natural to Americans, who are the most idealistic people in the world. "The only danger is that the idealist can easily become the idolator. And the American has become so idealistic that he even idealizes money. But (to quote a very able writer of American short stories) that is another story."

"I have never been in England before," said the American lady, "yet it is so pretty that I feel as if I have been away from it for a long time."

"So you have," I said, "you have been away for three hundred years."

"What a lot of ivy you have," she said. "It covers the churches and it buries the houses. We have ivy; but I have never seen it grow like this."

"I am interested to hear it," I replied. "For I am making a little list of all the things that are really better in England. Even a month on the continent, combined with intelligence, will teach you that there are many things that are better abroad. All the things that 'The Daily Mail' says English are better abroad. But there are things entirely English and entirely good. Klippers, for instance, and Free Trade, and front gardens, and individual liberty, and the Elizabethan drama, and hansom cabs, and cricket, and Mr. Will Crookes. Above all, there is the happy and holy custom of eating a heavy breakfast. I cannot tell you that Shakespeare began the day with rolls and coffee, like a Frenchman or a German. Surely he began with bacon or bloaters. In fact a light bursts upon me; for the first time I see the real meaning of Mrs. Gallup and the Great Clipper. It is merely a mistake in the matter of a capital letter. I withdraw my objection; I accept everything; bacon did write Shakespeare."

"I cannot look at anything but the ivy," she said, "it looks so comfortable."

While she looked at the ivy I opened for the first time for many weeks an English newspaper, and I read a speech by Mr. Balfour in which he said that the House of Lords ought to be preserved because it represented something in the nature of permanent public opinion of England, above the ebb and flow of the parties. Now Mr. Balfour is a perfectly sincere patriot, a man who, from his own point of view, thinks long and seriously about the public needs, and he is moreover a man of entirely exceptional intellectual power. But alas in spite of all this, when I had read that speech I thought with a heavy heart that there was one more thing that I had to add to the list of the specially English things, such as klippers and cricket; I had to add the specially English kind of humbug. In France things are attacked and defended for what they are. The Catholic church is attacked because it is Catholic, and defended because it is Catholic. The republic is defended because it is Republican, and attacked because it is Republican. But here is the ablest of English politicians consoling everybody by telling them that the House of Lords is not really the House of Lords, but something quite different, that the foolish, accidental peers whom he meets every night are in some mysterious way experts upon the psychology of the democracy; that if you want to know what

the very poor want you must ask the very rich, and that if you want the truth about Hoxton you must ask for it at Hatfield. If the Conservative defender of the House of Lords were a logical French politician he would simply be a liar. But being an English politician he is simply a poet. The English love of believing that all is as it should be, the English optimism combined with the strong English imagination, is too much even for the obvious facts. In a cold, scientific sense, of course, Mr. Balfour knows that nearly all the Lords who are not Lords by accident are Lords by bribery. He knows, and (as Mr. Balfour excellently said) everybody in parliament knows the very names of the peers who have purchased their peerages. But the glamour of comfort, the pleasure of reassuring himself and reassuring others is too strong for this original knowledge; at last it fades from him, and he sincerely and earnestly calls on Englishmen to join with him in admiring an august and public-spirited senate, having wholly forgotten that the senate really consists of idiots whom he has himself despised and adventurers whom he has himself embled.

"Your ivy is so beautifully soft and thick," said the American lady, "it seems to cover almost everything. It must be the most poetical thing in England."

"It is very beautiful," I said, "and as you say, it is very English. Charles Dickens, who was almost more English than England, wrote one of his rare poems about the beauty of ivy. Yes, by all means let us admire the ivy, so deep, so warm, so full of a genial gloom and a grotesque tenderness. Let us admire the ivy; and let us pray to God in his mercy that it may not kill the tree."

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Considerable interest is taken in this new departure, which is everywhere recognized as being a step in the right direction.

FAST EXPRESS—SLOW FREIGHT. How the Retail Custom Tailor Is Doubly Handicapped.

Local freight coming or going from Toronto to Montreal usually takes a full week. The merchant tailors complain that the slow freight runs are an added handicap. They have to pay from 50 to 100 per cent. more for cloth bought from middlemen than do the big importing tailor houses like the "Semi-Ready," and that concern is now booking orders in Toronto and points west, tailoring them to measure in their Montreal shops, and delivering the finished suits within a week from taking the measurement. A gentleman in Hamilton who recently ordered a special suit made to measure got it in four days. The Semi-Ready agent telegraphed the measurements, and the suit went west by express on the evening of the fourth day.

THE CHRISTMAS GLOBE. It Is One of the Most Notable Holiday Annuals.

The Christmas Globe is one of the greatest of American holiday publications. Upon it are lavished year after year the highest skill of authors, artists, lithographers and printers. The result is that it has scarcely a rival on this continent and few in Europe.

The pictures supplementing The Christmas Globe this year are the best that have yet been issued with that publication.

The third of the series of historical pictures is "Jacques Cartier," a notable subject, and a splendid conception. The picture represents Cartier standing on the deck of his old-time vessel, surrounded by his officers, viewing the shores of the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the canoes of the wondering Indians that put out to meet the "winged" ship. Near Cartier stands the man at the wheel, gazing ahead, with hand on rudder ready for the slightest command. The vessel nears the shore and the shallower water.

"Marguerite and Rose" is a dainty idyll in soft green and spring colors, and shows a pretty country girl gathering the spring flowers in a garden among the trees. "First Touchdown" represents a curly-headed, honest-eyed boy clutching a Rugby ball as he lies full length on the turf. It is a picture that should please any proud "addy" or mother, a group of coyotes—father, mother and cub—reproduced in burnt wood effect as "The Prairie Family," and is an excellent sample of delicate line work and fine shading.

There are seven full-page reproductions besides the four "plates" mentioned above. "Homeward Bound," a lake scene of the old type, is a picture of the Buffalo, both deal with things which are passing out of Canadian life. "An Eighteenth Century Belle" is a picture of the famous old windmill at Sorrel. "Crossing the Saskatchewan" is, of course, a western scene, and gives one some idea of what the rivers in the great treeless prairie are like. "In Old Quebec" consists of a group of Canadian pictures, quaint, original and interesting. Through "Wintery Winds" is another choice little picture.

Of course the literary side of the Christmas Globe is known without comment. It creates wholesome thoughts and stirs up wholesome emotions. Dr. Goldwin Smith contributes a personal recollection of "Games and Pastimes" of his boyhood days. "The Garden of Canada," by Julia W. Henshaw, is a delightful account of the flowers and other natural history of Canada. That popular young Canadian author, Marian Keith, has contributed a splendid short story, as have also Duncanson Campbell Scott, Jean Blewett and William Banks Jr. The prize poem by Isabel Ross-MacKay will entertain and edify all good patriots.

The Port of London

The rivalry of Liverpool and Southampton over the Atlantic traffic has raised the question as to whether the great liners should not make London their port of departure, as it is at present of the Atlantic Transport Company; but there is even a more vital point at stake, namely, whether our metropolitan port is to retain its proud position as the greatest of all the ports of the world. The answer depends on many things—docks, dredging, port dues, and others, and it is to be hoped that the present great agitation may have a beneficial result.

Owing to its important geographical position practically at the junction of the English Channel and the North Sea, the commercial greatness of London can be traced back to the Roman occupation. It was increased after the fall of the Western Empire, as Venice, which was then the mistress of the carrying trade of the world, sent her ships through the Straits round to Northern Europe; and when, later on, the stream of commerce was met by another coming from the Baltic, the passing vessels would come into the mouth of the Thames for the sweet water, for which it was then famous. Although under the early Saxon Kings, London did not at first take the leading place, its commercial supremacy is made clear in the reign of Athelstan, by the fact of that monarch appointing for it eight minters, or moneyers, as compared with six for Winchester, and only one, or at most two, for the other towns.

In Edgar's reign the foreign trade of the city had increased to such a degree, and notably by the German merchants from the Eastern shores of the Baltic, called "Easterlings," that a code of laws was drawn up to regulate the customs to be paid by the merchants of France and Flanders, as well as by the Easterlings. A curious point as showing the prominence of commerce in the city at this period is that at the genome of Oxford in 1035, the representatives of London were not burgesses, but "lithmen," i.e., shipmen or shipowners.

London became recognized as the capital in the time of Edward the Confessor. It is called the Emporium of the World by the venerable Bede, in his Ecclesiastical History; and Stephen wrote of it, in the reign of Henry II., that it was the capital of the kingdom, and that its wealth and merchandise extended further than any other. Its rapid increase of commerce under Elizabeth led to the building of the Royal Exchange, which was opened in 1571.

London merchants in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries formed companies such as the Merchant Adventurers, the Levant Company, the Russia Company, all of which were incorporated for the purpose of trading with foreign countries. These show the direction of trade, and the city of a great deal to do also with the establishment of the Virginia colony, large parties of emigrants proceeding thither in fleets sailing from London.

"A port of the sea includes," says Sir Matthew Hale, "more than the bare place where the ships are loaded, and sometimes extends many miles inland. Port of London anciently extended to Greenwich in the time of Edward I., and Gravesend is also a member of it." The port proper extends from the Pool to Blackwall, but the whole estuary of the Thames has to be taken into account in considering the shipping. Owing to the distance of London from the sea, and the rather intricate navigation at the mouth of the river, the charges to keep up pilotage, lights, dredging, and other means to render navigation safe and expeditious must necessarily be rather heavy. They were excessively so during the latter years of the Napoleonic war, but were greatly reduced in the reign of William IV., and the troublesome charges on foreign goods, called packages and scavage, were abolished.

At the present day it is difficult to imagine a port without docks; but in the old time ships used to unload either at the wharves, of which there were two kinds, legal and suzeraine, or into lighters, and the strong vested interests of the wharfingers and owners of lighters was a tremendous obstacle to the building of docks. Indeed, the growth of the London docks has not been on any systematic plan, but rather fortuitous and dependent on particular branches of commerce. For instance, the West India Docks, opened in 1802, which were the first on the northern shore of the Thames, were given a monopoly of all West India ships frequenting the Thames for a period of twenty years. Again, the East India Docks were originally intended for ships of the East India Company, or in the East India trade, but, after a while, were opened to all vessels. Apart from the more obvious reasons for the necessity of docks, there used to be great difficulty in protecting cargoes from depredation, and it has been estimated by some authorities that previous to the construction of wet docks on the Thames, the value of the property pilaged from ships amounted to half a million.

The Lord Mayor, who is Admiral of the Port of London, seems now to have as his only privilege in that capacity a somewhat uncertain claim to royal fish caught in the river. The suzerainty of the Thames passed away from the city corporation in 1857; but in 1872 they became the sanitary authority of the Port of London under rather curious circumstances. When the public health bill of that year was framed, the local government board long hesitated as to whom the duty of acting as the sanitary authority of the port should be committed. At the last moment the corporation stepped in and volunteered to undertake the duty free of expense.

London can learn many lessons from other ports, and her future depends both on how those lessons are applied, and on the duty of the port authorities and of various bodies are subordinated to the welfare as a whole of the great Port of London.—Wall Mall Gazette.

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE MAILED BY LAST POST, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH.

Winners of our last Limerick will be published in the Victoria Times on Monday, December 9th.

Synopsis of Canadian Northwest Homestead Regulations.

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the Northwest Provinces, excepting 8 and 24, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person the sole head of a family, or male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section, of 160 acres, more or less.

Application for homestead entry must be made in person by the applicant at the office of the local Agent or Sub-Agent. Entry by proxy may, however, be made on certain conditions by the father, mother, son, daughter, brother, or sister of an intending homesteader.

An application for entry or inspection made personally at any Sub-Agent's office may be wired to the local agent by the Sub-Agent, at the expense of the applicant, and if the land applied for is vacant on receipt of the telegram such application is to have priority and the land will be held until the necessary papers to complete the transaction are received by mail. In case of "personation" the entry will be summarily cancelled and the applicant will forfeit all priority of claim.

An application for inspection must be made in person. The applicant must be eligible for homestead entry, and only one application for inspection will be received from an individual, and that application has been disposed of.

A homesteader whose entry is in good standing, and not in arrears to Canada, may, subject to approval of Department, relinquish it in favor of father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister, or other person, but to no one else, on filing declaration of abandonment.

An entry is summarily cancelled, or voluntarily abandoned, subsequent to institution of cancellation proceedings, the applicant for inspection must be entitled to prior right of entry.

Applicants for inspection must state in what particular the homesteader is in default, and if subsequently the statement is found to be incorrect in material particulars, the applicant will lose his prior right of re-entry, should the land become vacant, or his entry has been granted it may be summarily cancelled.

DUTIES.—A settler is required to perform the conditions under one of the following plans: (1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of the homestead.

(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of a homesteader resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such homesteader the requirement as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

(3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirement may be satisfied by residence upon such land.

Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa, of his intention to do so.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST MINING REGULATIONS. COAL.—Coal mining rights may be leased for a period of two years at an annual rental of \$1 per acre. Not more than 2,500 acres shall be leased to one individual or company, and the land at the rate of five cents per ton shall be collected on the merchantable coal mined.

QUARTZ.—A person who has discovered, in place, or over, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,600 x 1,600 feet.

The fee for recording a claim is \$5. At least \$100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at \$1 per acre.

The patent proceeds for the payment of a royalty of 2½ per cent. on the sales. Royalty mining claims generally are 100 feet square, and are renewable yearly.

An applicant may obtain two leases to dredge for gold in any stream or lake, for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior. The lessee shall have a right of operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles. Rental \$9 per annum for each mile of stream leased. Royalty at the rate of 2½ per cent. collected on the output after it exceeds \$10,000.

W. W. CORY, Deputy of the Minister of the Interior. N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

NOTICE.

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria having determined that it is desirable to replace the wooden block paving on the main street, between Courtney street and Johnson street, with wooden blocks, treated with creosote, and that the said work shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the "Local Improvement General By-Law," the City Engineer and the City Assessor having reported to the Council in accordance with the said provisions, the Council, by resolution, has decided to carry out the said work, giving statement showing the amount of the estimated cost, against the various portions of real property to be benefited thereby, and their report having been adopted by the Council.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the report herein referred to is open for inspection at the office of the City Assessor, City Hall, Douglas street.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C. M. C. City Clerk's Office. Victoria, B. C., Nov. 29th, 1907.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that from and after this date the dumping of any material, refuse, or garbage, upon any street, alley, square or public place within the city limits is strictly prohibited, excepting in such places as may be designated by the Sanitary Inspector, and any person found dumping any material save as above mentioned will be prosecuted.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C. M. C. Victoria, B. C., December 10th, 1907.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANN ELIZA LESTER, LATE OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, DECEASED.

All persons having claims against the estate of Ann Eliza Lester, who died on the 11th November, 1907, are hereby required to send the same duly verified to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of January, 1908, and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay their indebtedness forthwith.

Dated December 10th, 1907. ARTHUR LEE, Executor, 11 Truncheon Ave., Victoria, B. C.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the Estate of William Cottrill, Deceased, Intestate, and in the Matter of the Official Administrator's Act.

Notice is hereby given that under an order made by the Hon. Mr. Justice Irvine dated 21st of November, 1907, the undersigned, was appointed administrator of the estate of the above deceased. All parties having claims against the estate are required to send particulars of the claim to me on or before the 15th day of January, 1908, and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 13th day of December, 1907. B. G. MONTGOMERY, Acting Official Administrator.

By the Times

Classified and Real Estate Advertisements

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

BUILDER & GENERAL CONTRACTOR
CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS—W. Lang, Contractor and Builder, Jobbing and repairing, 57 Avalon road, James Bay, Phone 4182.

THOMAS CATERALL—16 Broad street, Building in all its branches; wharf work and general jobbing, Tel. 523.

CHAS. A. MCGREGOR, 122 Blanchard street, Jobbing in specialties, Twenty years' experience. Orders promptly filled. Phone 3147.

DINSDALE & MALCOLM, Builders and Contractors, BRICK AND STONE BUILDINGS A SPECIALTY.

DINSDALE, MALCOLM, 820 Quadra St., 52 Hillside Ave.

BOOT AND SHOE REPAIRING
NO MATTER where you bought your shoes, bring them here to be repaired. Hibbs, 3 Central Ave. opposite Pantages Theatre.

BULBS
VERY FINE CYCLAMEN from 25c. to \$1.50. Frezias, ferns, primulas, and other plants. A visit to our new conservatory will please you. Flewin's Greenhouses, Park road.

CHIMNEY SWEEPING
CHIMNEYS CLEANED—Defective flues fixed, etc. Wm. Neal, 23 Quadra street, Phone 1013.

DENTISTS
DR. LEWIS HALL, Dental Surgeon, Jewell Block, cor. Yates and Douglas streets, Victoria, B. C. Telephone—Office, 557; Residence, 122.

DYEING AND CLEANING
PAUL'S DYEING AND CLEANING WORKS, 120 Fort street, Tel. 524.

B. C. STEAM DYEWORKS—Largest dyeing and cleaning establishment in the province. Country orders solicited. Phone 200. Hearn & Renfrew.

EDUCATIONAL
SHORTHAND SCHOOL, 1100 Broad street, Shorthand, typewriting, book-keeping thoroughly taught. Graduates filling good positions. E. A. Macmillan, principal.

ENGRAVERS
GENERAL ENGRAVER, Stencil Cutter and Seal Engraver, Geo. Crowther, 12 Wharf street, opp. Post Office.

BOARDS OF TRADE, Tourist Associations, etc., should consult us when preparing guide books, advertising literature, and all kinds of printed matter. We group photos artistically and guarantee best results. B. C. Photo-Engraving Co., 25 Broad street.

FLOWERS
BEDDING PLANTS FOR SALE—Geraniums, salvia, lobelia, hanging baskets, dahlias. Up-to-date Fish Market, opposite City Hall, Douglas street.

FURRIER
FRED. FOSTER, Taxidermist and Furrier, 423 Johnson street.

LEGAL
MURPHY & FISHER, Barristers, Solicitors, etc., Ottawa, Parliamentary, Departmental and Patent Office Agents. Practice before Railway Commission. Charles Murphy, Harold Fisher.

SMITH & JOHNSTON, Barristers, Solicitors, etc., Hamilton, Ontario, and Departmental Agents. Practice before the Railway and other Commissions and in the Supreme and Exchequer Courts, Ottawa. Alexander Smith, W. Johnston.

MACHINISTS
L. HAFER, General Machinist, No. 150 Government street, Tel. 320.

MEDIUM
R. H. KNEESHAW, Medium and Healer, 175 Chatham street, Sittings daily, test gratis, Thursday night.

MERCHANT TAILORS
GENTLEMEN—If you wish to get a well made and trimmed suit, get it made at the reliable tailor and cutter, J. Sorenson, 22 Government St., up-stairs, over Western Union Telegraph Office. New assortment of fall goods just in.

MONEY TO LOAN
MONEY TO LOAN on house property, easy terms, no commissions. Apply to Permanent Loan & Savings Company, 30 Government street.

MONEY TO LOAN on all kinds of approved security. Unredeemed pledges for sale, cheap, at 43 Johnson street.

MONUMENTS
GRANITE AND MARBLE WORKS—Estimates given for monuments, etc. J. E. Phillips, 74 and 76 View street, Tel. 3127.

MUSIC
PROF. E. G. WICKENS has removed to his newly appointed studio, 320 Fort street (second house west of Assembly Hall). Orchestral practice held every Thursday, 7.30 p. m. Ladies and gentlemen who are proficient cordially invited. No fees.

PAPERHANGING
F. QUEST, Painter, Glazier and Paper-hanger. Estimates given. Beaumont P. O., Esquimalt.

WALLPAPERS—New designs. Wallpaper department well stocked. Jos. Beers, 117 Douglas street, opposite City Hall.

TRUCK AND DRAY
TRUCKING—Quick service, reasonable charges. Walsh Bros., Baker's Feed Store, 50 Yates street.

WATCH REPAIRING
A. PITCH, 39 Douglas street, Specialty of English watch repairing. All kinds of clocks and watches repaired.

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE
WANTED—Position as salesman, travelling or otherwise, by first of the year, with manufacturing firm or hardware company. Apply Box 125, this office.

WANTED—Book work or checking accounts, by competent accountant. Box 36, this office.

ROBERTSON & GRIFFITH.

105 GOVERNMENT ST. PHONE 102.

ARE YOU GAME?

We Have a SIX-ROOM COTTAGE

On Cook Street, near Yates, To Sell

For the Small Sum of \$2,600, On Easy Terms.

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Hot and Cold Water, Sewer Connections, Bath, Nice Yard, Six Large Rooms, In Nice Order.

REPLIES TO ADVERTISEMENTS.

Letters in reply to advertisements in the classified columns of the Times await claimants as follows:

NUMBERS—12, 25, 32, 38, 40, 42, 44, 45, 56, 58, 61, 64, 65, 73, 83, 89, 93.

WANTED—MALE HELP. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WANTED—Good, strong boy to learn printing business. Apply Times Office.

MEN WANTED—In every locality in Canada to advertise our goods, tack up notices in all conspicuous places and distribute small advertising matter. Commission or salary, \$3 per month, and expenses \$4 per day. Steady work, year round, entirely new plan, no experience required. Write for particulars, Wm. R. Warner Med. Co., London, Ont., Canada.

WANTED—Salesman, immediately. Apply Capital Furniture Co., corner Fort and Douglas streets.

WANTED—Work for carpenters, also machinist and painter, steady work, any kind of work. Box 118, Times Office.

ANY INTELLIGENT PERSON may earn \$75 to \$100 monthly corresponding for newspapers; sure, steady work; no canvassing; experience unnecessary. Send for particulars. Press Syndicate, Lockport, N. Y.

WANTED—FEMALE HELP. WANTED—A girl at the Skene Lowe Studio. Apply between 5 and 6 p. m.

WANTED—Two experienced waitresses. Apply Dominion Hotel.

WANTED—Dressmakers, skirt and waist hands, and apprentices. Henry Young & Co.

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WANTED—Ladies to do plain and light sewing at home, whole or spare time; good pay; work sent any distance; charges paid; send stamp for full particulars. National Manufacturing Company, Montreal.

TRADESMAN wishes another to share room, board very moderate. 1211 Quadra street.

APPLICATIONS for teacher at West Beach school will be received up to Dec. 27th. Wm. W. Moore, Secy., Mt. Tolmie P. O.

MONEY TO LOAN—On real estate and improved property. Dr. Hartman, 1219 Government street.

WE WANT BICYCLES—To enamel, clean and store. Pimley Auto. Co., opposite Post Office.

JUNIOR WOMAN'S AUXILIARY ENTERTAINMENT. Cathedral school-room, Wednesday night, at 8 o'clock. Conjuror, music and ventriloquist. Admission, 15c.

MONEY TO LOAN in sums of \$1,000 up. Apply Box 121, Times.

TRIMBLE & SON, general teaming, ploughing and excavating. 17 Putman street. Phone 4123.

WANTED—Copying for a few hours each evening, manuscripts, letters, etc., neatly typewritten at reasonable rates. Apply MSS. Times Office.

DR. H. BURGESS, Dental Surgeon, Mahon Bldg., Government street, Phone 1613.

JAPANESE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE—All kinds of labor supplied at short notice. 1301 Government street, Tel. 1630.

THE JAPANESE GENERAL CONTRACT CO., LTD., 29 Store street, telephone No. 1225. Labor supplied, of any number or description, on short notice.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL—Having purchased the blacksmith and carriage shop of W. A. Robertson & Son, 62 Discovery street, between Douglas and Government streets, I am now prepared to do all kinds of carriage, blacksmith, painting and horse shoeing, etc. I make a specialty of shoeing horses with corns, cracks, etc. Attention is called to my change of address, and all old customers and new ones are cordially invited to give me a call. J. J. Fisher, 56 Discovery street.

THE LATEST sheet metal electric signs. J. Market, maker, Victoria, B. C. Phone 3124.

CONTRACTORS—We can furnish you with laborers, or any kind of men, at short notice. Poles, Slavs, Hungarians, Lithuanians, etc., also several well trained monkeys. Boston Shipbuilding Co., 13 Norfolk street, New York City.

LOST AND FOUND. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

LOST—A lady's gold watch, hunting case, initials E. M. E. Finder will be rewarded on returning same to this office.

A. B. McNEILL.

REALTY. MONEY TO LOAN.

FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE. PHONE 546. 11 TROUCE AVE.

FRUIT FARM—2 acres, 250 trees bearing, strawberries, etc., 7 room house, all conveniences, terms \$5,000.

LARGE HOUSE—Menzie's street, 9 rooms, modern, corner, 46 ft. x 130 ft., terms \$10,000.

LOTS—\$275 up, splendid corners.

TO RENT. 5 ROOM HOUSE—Fort street, \$22.00.

9 ROOM HOUSE—Menzie's street, Call for particulars. Box 132, this office.

LOANS. \$1,000 and \$5,000, immediately, on good security.

FOR SALE. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

ADVERTISER has 2 valuable water lots, Equipt, for sale, cheap, or exchange for Winnipeg house property. Give full particulars. Box 132, this office.

SLAB WOOD FOR SALE—Mill slabs cut into short lengths at \$35.00 per cord delivered to any part of city. B. F. Graham Lumber Co., Ltd. Phone No. 584. Orders also taken at John Bros. Store.

FOR SALE—10 lots, in beautiful situation, \$200 each, easy terms; inferior lots adjoining sold at \$100 each. Apply for particulars to No. 125, office of Victoria Daily Times.

CHOICE LARGE LOTS—Making altogether nearly an acre, in nice situation, on important thoroughfare, well within the city limits, free from rock, southern exposure, fenced, and were at one time under cultivation, car extension past the property said to be projected, water mains, electric light and telephone lines already there. For the four, \$2,000, on easy terms, or \$1,000 cash. Adjoining lots, less favorably placed, held at about double this price. Address "Proprietor," No. 125, Times Office.

HOLLY FOR SALE. Mrs. M. R. Smith, Seaview, 104 Dallas road.

FOR SALE—3 valuable lots, in very important situation, sold a year ago for \$2,000 each, \$1,000 paid, purchaser unable to continue payments; vendor will sell for balance of \$3,000, plus \$100 for taxes and expenses, \$1,500 each, mortgage \$1,200 at 6 per cent. The lots were a good buy at \$2,000 each. They are a very decided snap on the above terms. Apply to 127 Times Office.

SLAUGHTER SALE of 25 coats at \$2.50 each, worth \$10. R. J. Soper, corner Cook and North Park streets.

\$150 CASH and fifteen dollars per month buys six roomed house, James Bay. Address P. O. Box 441.

IMPORTANT SALE—Victoria Loan & Security Co. (Landberg's Museum), 43 Johnson street, retiring from business. Entire stock of undredeemed pledges, watches, jewelry, antiques, firearms, musical and optical goods, curios, etc., must be sold regardless of cost. Every article a bargain. Sale now on. All pledges must be redeemed before the end of the year.

FOR SALE—Good driving mare, harness and buggy. Apply at Times Office.

FOR SALE—Choice building site, abutting on Parliament grounds, with stable, acre \$2,500, 2 good lots on Park street, 1000 each, together, and forming a fine site for hotel, boarding house, or business premises. \$2,500 each; terms to suit purchaser. Latimer & Ney, real estate agents, 11 Trounce avenue, Victoria.

FOR SALE—Several agreements of sale more or less well paid up on property now very much more valuable than at time of sale. A safe investment, returning 12 per cent. on your money. Box 52, Times Office.

FOR SALE—Auxiliary yacht "Ariadne" lately overhauled, with full equipment. Apply Crease & Crease, 17 Fort street, Victoria, B. C.

CHOICE BUILDING SITE, abutting on parliament grounds, \$2,500; a large lot, on Hillside avenue, \$19,000; a fine site, 1000 sq. ft., commanding elevations, magnificent views, \$19,000 each; several good blocks of acreage, near city limits, at reasonable prices. 2 good lots on Park street, 1000 each, together, and forming a fine site for hotel, boarding house, or business premises. \$2,500 each; terms to suit purchaser. Latimer & Ney, real estate agents, 11 Trounce avenue, Victoria.

FOR SALE—Shotgun, 12 bore, Richards make, \$15; shotgun and case, Barker make, \$12; automobile horn, \$2.50; gold rings, \$2.50; ladies' chatelaine watches, \$4.50; men's double watch chains, \$2.75; gold chains, \$5; army boots, \$2.50. Jacob Aaronson's new and second-hand store, 64 Johnson street, two doors below Government.

TO LET. 3 TO LET—3 furnished rooms, suitable for housekeeping, with use of bath and hot water. Apply 339 Kingston street.

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished bedrooms, 530 Menzie's street, opposite Parliament Buildings.

TO LET—Nicely furnished parlor-bedroom for gentleman. Mrs. Pearson, 55 Collinson street.

TO LET—Large furnished rooms, either by week or month. 752 Kane street.

LARGE, COMFORTABLE ROOMS, newly furnished, and heated, parlor, bath and phone, four blocks from Dominion Hotel, 118 Yates street.

TO RENT—Room, large, well furnished, heated, lighted, and centrally located. Apply Box 101, Times Office.

TO LET—A furnished room, on Dallas road. Address Box 79, Times Office.

TO LET—A furnished room, suitable for 2 gentlemen, \$12 a month. 1302 Quadra street. Phone 250.

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One of the BEST LOTS on Richmond Avenue at a very low price.

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NO MATTER

How good a store you have, there are many who do not know about it, and a fair and interesting statement about your business and the goods you have to offer, will be real information to a larger number than you would ever think possible. The cost compared with the expense of conveying your store news is infinitesimal.

S. A. BAIRD, REAL ESTATE AND FINANCIAL AGENT, NEW ADDRESS, 1219 DOUGLAS ST.

PRINCESS AVE.—New 7 roomed house, with basement, all modern, full lot, price \$3,750.

HILLSIDE AVE.—New residence, 7 rooms, modern conveniences, \$3,000.

ROCK BAY AVE.—Six roomed cottage, modern conveniences, \$2,000, terms.

NEW MODERN SEVEN ROOMED BUNGALOW—James Bay, good basement and furnace. This makes a first-class home. \$5,250.

\$1,500 Buys a good corner lot on South Turner and Niagara streets, easy terms.

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THE SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE, 12 LANGLEY STREET.

Free reading room for seamen and seafaring men. Open daily from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. Sunday, 2 to 5 p. m.

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS. WANTED—Two second-hand donkey engines, American make preferred, in good condition, cheap for cash. State particulars, Betts & Mescher, Victoria Hotel, Victoria, B. C.

\$1,500 MORTGAGE at 8 per cent. interest wanted on 20 good lots. Apply "Owner," Times Office.

WANTED—By English woman, position by the day, only light work. Address Box 78, Times Office.

WANTED—By refined, capable woman, position as housekeeper, or care of one child. Address Box 78, Times Office.

WANTED—A 16 ft. Petrol-powered canoe and a small wall tent. Apply P. O. Box 125, city.

WANTED—Old coats and vests, pants, boots and shoes, trunks, valises, shotguns, revolvers, overcoats, etc. Highest cash prices paid. Will call at any address. Jacob Aaronson's new and second-hand store, 64 Johnson street, two doors below Government street.

WANTED—Scrap brass, copper, zinc, lead, cast iron, waxes, and all kinds of bottles and rubber; highest cash prices paid. Victoria Junk Agency, 39 and 41 Store street. Phone 1336.

Over 70 per cent. of the natives of India (all the land, hence the population is scattered and their power of co-operation is greatly lessened.

LEE & FRASER,

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MONEY TO LOAN In Following Amounts

\$500.00 \$1500.00 \$1500.00 \$500.00 \$2000.00 \$3000.00

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COOK STREET.

TWO NEW 7-ROOMED HOUSES. With Every Possible Convenience And Modern Appliances. Nearly Completed. Will Rent For \$35 a Piece, Monthly. \$4,000 Each. Terms, \$500 Cash and the Balance Arranged on Easy Instalments.

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LOT 60x120, On Car Line. \$750.

DALLAS ROAD.

LOT 129x125, Beyond Moss Street. Good View. \$1,600.

HILLSIDE AVENUE.

NEARLY TWO ACRES, Close to Orphanage. \$2,000.

KING'S ROAD.

LOT 50x135, On Corner. \$650.

Arrange Reasonable Terms.

FOUL BAY ROAD.

HALF AN ACRE, Close to Oak Bay Avenue. \$1,250.

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ACREAGE With Waterfront On Saanich Inlet. \$25 Per Acre.

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COMFORTABLE LITTLE BUNGALOW, In Splendid Location. Large Lot. Terms, \$3,500.

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F. C. NIVIN & CO., 105 GOVERNMENT STREET, Next to Imperial Bank.

FOR SALE. 4 HOUSES—Dallas road, all rented, price \$7,000; will pay 15 per cent. on investment. Look into this.

COMFORTABLE HOUSE and outbuildings, situated on two large lots, close to cars, \$2,500, easy terms.

HOUSE—On King's road, rents \$15.50 per month, price \$1,800, terms.

BAKER AVENUE—Large lot, facing water, \$1,200, terms.

TIMBER LIMITS which will bear inspection.

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HOUSES AND LOTS in all parts of city for sale.

A NICE LIST OF STOCK, ranches in Cariboo, farms and small acreages close in to exchange for improved city property.

We will be pleased to show you our lists.

A. WILLIAMS & CO.

REAL ESTATE AGENTS,

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91—GOOD 6 ROOMED MODERN HOUSE—And eight lots, 32 ft. x 50 ft., each, several fruit trees, fine barn, \$7,500.

105—NICE 6 ROOMED COTTAGE—And outbuildings, with 1/4 acre fine land, \$4,500.

113—NEW 6 ROOMED COTTAGE—Good location, \$3,200.

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We have some very FINE FURS suitable for Xmas Gifts at wholesale prices—3 Rolls of LINOLEUM at 35c. a yard—HEATERS, RANGES, ETC.

MAYNARD & SON, Auctioneers.
88 BROAD STREET.

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KUROPATKIN ON WITNESS STAND

Russian Generalissimo in Late War Testifies on Behalf of Port Arthur's Defender.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 12.—Gen. Kuropatkin testified to-day at the trial by court-martial of Lieut.-General Stoessel and other army officers charged with needlessly surrendering Port Arthur to the Japanese. At the beginning the defence were so incomplete, General Kuropatkin said, that the fortress must have fallen at the first vigorous attack. But the slowness of the Japanese and the resistance made by the army in the field gave the Russians time to improvise defence works, which had withstood the Japanese for months. The evidence was favorable to General Stoessel.

CANADA-WEST INDIES TRADE

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—A conference of representatives of the British West India Islands is being held at Barbados next month for the discussion of common trade interests, and it is said, that at this meeting proposals will be made for an improved tariff relation with Canada.

TWO GIRLS SUFFOCATED.

Parents Away From Cobalt Residence When Fire Broke Out.

Cobalt, Ont., Dec. 12.—The residence of W. Hewitt was destroyed by fire last night, and two little girls were suffocated. The parents were away when the fire broke out.

DR. J. C. RUTHERFORD ILL.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Dr. J. C. Rutherford, veterinary director general, has been granted a month's leave of absence owing to ill-health.

TORONTO FIRE DESTROYS FURS.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 12.—Fire this morning did damage to the extent of \$2,500 to furs in the store of A. K. Jeffries, furriers, Conmee street. Adjacent firms suffered to the extent of \$5,000, which is covered by insurance.

OLD MAN TRAIN VICTIM.

Moorfield, Ont., Dec. 12.—Jas. Woolner, an old man who lived near Drayton, was killed by a train on the public crossing to-day.

WHOLESALE THIEF TWELVE YEARS OLD

Youth Arrested at Rainy River, Ont., Clears Up Mystery of Strange Robberies.

Rainy River, Ont., Dec. 12.—The mystery surrounding the many thefts from local stores which have occurred within the past month was cleared up this morning with the arrest and conviction of Alfred Warner, a 12-year-old boy. Last evening he was seen by A. P. Gormley, of the firm of A. P. McDonald & Co., to be acting suspiciously in front of the store where some goods were displayed. A clerk secured the boy and brought him into the store, where, after close questioning, he confessed that he had stolen articles from other stores in town.

A search warrant was secured, and the house of his uncle, William Brendell, with whom he lived, was searched, which disclosed what appeared to be the results of months of stealing, dry-goods, clothing and articles of almost every description, valued at several hundred dollars, much of which was claimed by local merchants.

The boy was this morning sentenced by Magistrate Morton to three years in the provincial reformatory. Brendell, who has lived in town for the past three years, and who had never been suspected, is under arrest for complicity in the thefts and will come up for a hearing before the police magistrate this afternoon.

SMALLPOX AT MELITA.

Napinka, Man., Dec. 12.—A telephone message has been received here that an outbreak of smallpox has occurred in Melita, six or seven houses being quarantined. A number of children from these houses have been attending school and the various churches, and it is stated that steps may be taken to close both the schools and the churches.

Energetic efforts will be made to keep the disease under control.

TRAGEDY AT THE ALTAR.

Helene Surigiu, a nineteen-year-old Roumanian bride, committed suicide in front of the altar during her wedding in a church at Jassy. She had been forced to renounce her lover and to accept as her husband a certain Demeter Grunza. When the priest began the ceremony the girl burst into tears, and drawing a revolver from her pocket, shot herself through the heart.

A white diamond of 220 carats has been picked up in the river diggings at Klipdam, near Kimberley.



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GRAVY LADLES	\$1.50	INDIVIDUAL CASTERS, salt and pepper, 1.75 to	\$3.00
SUGAR TONGS	\$1.50	SALT AND PEPPER SHAKERS, pair, 40c., 50c., 1.25 to	\$3.00
SALT SPOONS, each	30c	BAKE DISHES	\$7.50
OYSTER FORKS, dozen	\$6.00	PICKLE CASTERS, ten styles, 1.50 to	\$5.00
OLIVE SPOONS, each	\$1.00	BUTTER DISHES, \$4.50, \$5.00 and	\$5.50
BREAD BOARDS, silver-mounted	\$5.00	FRUIT STANDS, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.00 to	\$8.50
A. D. COFFEE SPOONS, dozen	\$4.00	CAKE BASKETS, \$4.00, \$4.50 to	\$7.00
TEA SETS, 5 pieces, \$30.00	\$25.00	CAKE PLATES	\$4.50
CHOCOLATE POTS	\$7.50	BREAD TRAYS	\$3.75
BON BON TRAYS, \$1.50, \$1.75 and	\$2.00		
NUT BOWLS	\$5.00		
SOUP TURBENS	\$12.00		

Have You Seen This Pretty New Furniture?

A direct importation from France of stylish designs in Hall Chairs, has just been put on show. These French "Furniture Ideas" are "different," and one of these chairs would make a very acceptable Christmas Gift. We do not think you'll find similar styles in any other store in town—YOUR gift will be DIFFERENT. The designs are copied from the French styles of years ago. The chairs are made of oak and embossed leather. We have about a half-dozen different styles, ranging from one about the size of a reception chair up to the large "high-backed" style. The stock isn't large, so we advise an early visit. As a Christmas Gift piece one would be ideal.

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Get a Piece of This Before It Disappears

Better come in and get a piece of this new pottery. Many are choosing some of these catchy "Limericks" to send as gifts, and that it has "caught on" is evidenced by the great quantity we have sold since it was unstocked. Luckily we anticipated such a condition and bought heavily. We have a full assortment still, but advise your early visit.

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PERMANENT COURT TO SETTLE DISPUTES

Outcome of Central American Peace Conference at Washington May End Petty Wars.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The first formal outcome of the Central American peace conference now in progress in this city, and probably the most important to result from that conference, was made public to-day in the form of an abstract of the general treaty agreed upon last night by the delegates, providing for the establishment of a permanent court to settle all disputes that may arise between the countries of Central America in the future.

The arrangement announced to-day probably will, if it should work out satisfactorily, be adopted as the basis for the creation of general international courts contemplated in the declaration of the recent Hague conference. The treaty provides for a Central American court, to which the different nations bind themselves to submit all controversies that might arise, of any nature, if the respective foreign departments cannot settle them.

The court also has jurisdiction over such cases as may voluntarily be submitted by any two said governments. The court is to sit at Cartago, Costa Rica, but may change the place of residence for sufficient reasons. The court consists of five judges, one from each republic. It is indispensable that all five judges should sit to constitute a quorum. Alternative judges are also named to fill any vacancies that may occur.

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